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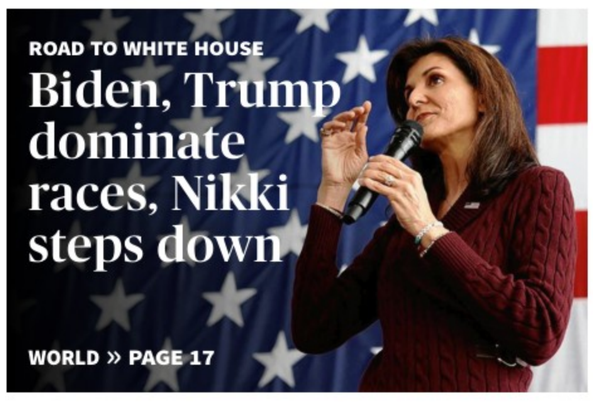

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'Amazed at the audacity' of ex-Minister, officials involved in felling of 6,000 trees in reserve, says Bench; court wants panel to study if tiger safaris should be allowed in buffer zones of reserves

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Bench said Uttarakhand could not 'run away' from its responsibility to restore the forest to the last tree. GETTY IMAGES

The Supreme Court on Wednesday condemned the illegal felling of over 6,000 trees to construct buildings, ostensibly for "eco-tourism" at the Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand, as a "classic case" of nexus between politicians and officials working to ransack the environment for short-term commercial ends.

"The present case depicts a sorry state of affairs of human greed devastating one of the most celebrated abodes of tigers i.e. the Corbett Tiger Reserve," a three-judge Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai observed.

The court also directed the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to form a specialised committee to study and recommend whether tiger safaris should be permitted in the buffer areas of a tiger reserve.

On the "huge devastation" caused by the illegal felling, the court said it was "amazed at the audacity" of former Uttarakhand Forest Minister and Congress leader Harak Singh Rawat and former Divisional Forest Officer Kishan Chand for giving forest and wildlife conservation laws a complete go-by and throwing the public trust doctrine "into the dustbin".

The judgment approved the Central Bureau of Investigation probe initiated into the case and directed the agency to submit a report in three months.

The Bench said Uttarakhand could not "run away" from its responsibility to restore the forest to the last tree.

Justice Gavai said the tigers needed the forest as much as the forest depended on the tigers. "The presence of tigers in the forests is an indicator of the well-being of the ecosystem. Unless steps are taken for the protection of tigers, the ecosystem which revolves around tigers cannot be protected... Events like illegal construction and illicit felling of trees like the one in Corbett cannot be ignored," he said.

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Hyderabad man forced to fight for Russia, loses life

Syed Mohammed
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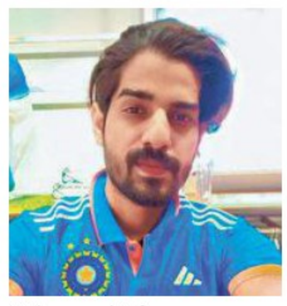

Mohammed Asfan

Mohammed Asfan, a Hyderabad man forced to fight for Russia, has died. Though information about his death was received on Wednesday, it is unclear when he died.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen president Asaduddin Owaisi, who has been in contact with Mohammed Imran, the victim's brother, said that after several attempts to reach him, his family received news of his death on Wednesday. "An Indian Embassy staffer confirmed that Asfan passed away," Mr. Owaisi said.

The victim, who travelled to Russia in search of a better livelihood, is one of several Indian youth who found themselves fighting on the frontlines against Ukraine. The victim is survived by his wife and two children.

Agent's false promises

Mr. Imran, Asfan's elder brother, previously recollected that the victim had travelled to Moscow via Chennai and Sharjah. A travel agent, identified through his YouTube channel *Baba Vlogs*, had assured him that his work would not involve fighting on the frontlines.

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Blast case: NIA announces reward for info on suspect

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two days after taking over the probe into The Rameshwaram Cafe blast case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has announced a reward of ₹10 lakh for any information on the suspect.

On Wednesday, NIA posted on social media a CCTV grab of the suspect and announced the reward. It also assured that the identity of the informant will be kept confidential. The suspect is seen alighting a bus and walking to the cafe in Brookfield, having an idli and leaving the restaurant on March 1. The Improvised Explosive Device kept in a bag exploded an hour later. The NIA team visited the restaurant on Wednesday and met CCB sleuths.

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BJD, BJP hold parallel meetings over tie-up

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

BJD says it will do everything to achieve goals for the State; BJP leaves decision to top leadership

Amid reports of the BJP and the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) forging a formal alliance in Odisha for the coming elections, both parties on Wednesday held hectic deliberations at their own levels to smoothen rough edges.

Both parties, however, did not come out with a clear statement on the proposed alliance.

After a meeting of senior BJD leaders that went on for nearly four hours at Naveen Niwas, the residence of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here, the regional party left enough indications about the proposed formal alliance.

"In the discussions, it was resolved that since by 2036, Odisha will complete 100 years of its Statehood, and the BJD and the Chief Minister have major milestones to be achieved by this time, the BJD will do everything towards this in the greater interests of people of Odisha and the State," said BJD vice-president Debi Prasad Mishra in a statement.

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New frontier

Tunnelling through: India's first underwater Metro train, plying the Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section of Kolkata Metro's East-West Corridor, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. The section was developed at a cost of ₹4,965 crore. PTI (PAGE 14)

Sanatana row: HC calls remarks 'divisive'

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

Statements by Udhayanidhi, A. Raja were contrary to constitutional principles, says judge

The Madras High Court on Wednesday observed that the statements made against *Sanatana Dharma* last year by Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and Nilgiris MP A. Raja were "perverse, divisive, contrary to constitutional principles and ideas and also tantamount to gross dis/misinformation".

However, the court's observations came even as it disposed of a batch of writ petitions seeking the removal of the two Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) legislators, holding that the demand was premature as neither of the leaders has yet been convicted of any crime with regard to their statements.

"By equating *Sanatana Dharma* to HIV, AIDS, leprosy, malaria and Corona, the individual respondents (Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin and Mr. Raja) have revealed an alarming lack of understanding of Hinduism," wrote Justice Anita Sumanth.

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High Court quashes govt. decision to hold board exams for classes 5, 8, 9, and 11

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BENGALURU

In a setback to the State government, the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday quashed the government's decision to hold board examinations for classes 5, 8, 9, and 11 from the academic year 2023-24 and said it was taken without following the due process of law.

The court said the scheme of holding board exams was taken without framing the rules under Sections 22 and 145 of the Karnataka Education Act, 1983, which mandates that the government will have to frame rules for the implementation of the examination system besides seeking views from stakeholders prior to finalising such rules.

"When the government intends to bring changes to the examination system affecting such a large number of students, it would be desirable as well as mandatory to follow the democratic procedure stipulated," the court said. In case of failure to follow the stipulated procedure, the court said, "there need be no further justification to set such faulty measures at naught, regardless of merit of the policy and the object behind such measures".

Justice Ravi V. Hosmani delivered the verdict while allowing the petitions filed by the Registered Unaided Private Schools' Management Association-Karnataka and Organisation for Unaided Recognised Schools, Bengaluru.

The petitioner-associations had questioned the legality of the government's October 6 and 9, 2023, notifications issued under Section 22 of the Act, through which the government decided to introduce board exams for classes 5, 8, 9, and 11 to be conducted by the Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) in place of holding regular exams through the respective educational institutions.

The court also pointed out that the circulars issued in 2022 to hold summative assessment through the KSEAB for classes 5 and 8 were struck down by the court terming that those circulars, issued under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, were violative of the RTE Act as assessment through the KSEAB was introduced without framing the rules as per Section 16 of the RTE Act.

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Ensure Pak. does not divert loans to foot defence bills: India to IMF

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Taking a tough stance, India has batted for "stringent monitoring" of any emergency funds provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to its financially beleaguered neighbour Pakistan, stressing that such funds must not be redeployed towards defence bills or repayment of loans from other countries.

India's position was put across to the IMF's executive board by its nominee, executive director Krishnamurthy Subramanian, during a recent review of an ongoing $3 billion short term Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) granted to Pakistan by the Fund last July. India has usually abstained from voting on loans sought by Pakistan, and did the same last July when the SBA was approved.

In mid-January this year, when the board reviewed the loan, India's representative abstained from voting again, following which the multilateral lender released a $700 million tranche to Pakistan.

However, this time, the Indian government requested Mr. Subramanian to convey to the IMF board the need to put in place "checks and balances and ensure a stringent monitoring" of Pakistan's utilisation of IMF money.

"Such monitoring is imperative to ensure that funds received to meet development imperatives are not diverted towards defence spending and repayment of external debt owed to third countries," India is learnt to have stressed to the IMF's executive board. The IMF and Mr. Subramanian did not respond to queries from *The Hindu* till the time of going to press.

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Cup of woes

Pakistan's new government's efforts to acquire international funds may come with some strings

- Following the 2022 floods and external shocks, the economy shrank in 2022-23; forex reserves collapsed
- The IMF okayed a $3 billion stand-by arrangement that ends next month; India abstained from vote
- This week, PM Shehbaz Sharif has mooted immediate talks with the IMF for extended support
- In loan review this January, India seeks stringent monitoring of IMF money's end-use by Pakistan

Be a Jemimah Rodrigues and you'll be fine — a lesson on the power of self-belief

The layman will not know of the countless trials by fire she has had to go through; those who are in the know realise it through the human side she's never afraid to bare

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Lavanya Lakshminarayanan

There's no dearth of overthinkers in the game of cricket. This week, in a stadium bathed in the glory of the Himalayas, one marks a century of Tests, with plaudits flowing in from near and far, teammate and rival. Approximately 475 km away, another overthinker, albeit much younger, bludgeoned her way to a knock that will go down as one of her best. Not so much for its flamboyance or how clinically it snatched any chance of a win away from the opponent, but for the lesson it ended up being in the power of self confidence.

Jemimah Rodrigues, playing for Delhi Capitals in the Women's Premier League, is known as much for her elegance with the bat as she is for her eloquence off it. Despite being all of 23, she has found a way to make the invisible masses her best friend, baring her heart and her vulnerabilities in failure and success. Tuesday's match-winning knock against Mumbai Indians, an opponent the Capitals have consistently faltered against in two seasons, was another valuable chapter on finding the courage to back oneself.

Looking within

It isn't easy being Jemimah. In her age bracket are the likes of Laura Wolvaardt, Hayley Matthews or Alice Capsey (who is yet to breach the twenties), most of whom are bossing T20s with their big hitting capabilities. Jemimah, in her own words, isn't a natural power hitter. Her physical structure demands greater effort to make those big sixes happen regularly. She relies on her intelligence more, using her timing and placement.

However, even the best succumb to the dark shadows of doubt. Before her unbeaten and eventually match-winning 33-ball 69, two poor scores got critics murmuring yet again.

Against Gujarat Giants, she fell to a slower one from Mannat Kashyap after edging to Tarannum Pathan at short third, while trying to go aerial. A match prior, she could not open her account against Royal Challengers Bangalore, falling to Nadine de Klerk while trying to loft the ball over mid off.

"I wouldn't agree fully with you (about hitting a lean patch), sorry for that. I did score runs. I think the first two games I got some good scores. In one game, I got one ball and I hit a four, strike rate of 400," Jemimah quipped, always one to make a joke at her own expense.

When the laughter eased, Jemimah got real, much like how her teammates and friends did in the run-up to the MI vs DC WPL fixture.

"In those two innings, I was trying to be something I was not. I was seeing everyone around me go out there and go bang bang. I thought I needed to do it for the team.I think cricket is a game where you need to keep improving. When you're coming into the WPL, you never know when you will need all sorts of shots. I can't stick to one thing and say I'm this kind of a player and stick to that. I need to keep improving with the game," she explained.

Cheering up the cheerleader

Jemimah is one of the best hype men around. She's there to celebrate your fifty harder than you, she's there to pump you up for a direct hit well done, or catch well taken. So when the team's biggest cheerleader needed some cheering herself, the team and her extended support system stepped up.

"I've spoken a lot to Arundhati (Reddy). She helped me a lot as has Larris (Laura Harris). She is the one who came up to me and said, 'You have such good hands, you manoeuvre the field so well. Just stick to that. That will help you.' After that, Smriti (Mandhana) messaged me saying 'Don't try to be someone else, be a Jemimah Rodrigues and you'll be fine.'

"I spoke to my dad too and he said the same. 'Just play your game, just be positive and and you know, just be you and you find the gaps effortlessly. The people who hit up - that is their strength but no one can pick gaps the way you pick gaps. So I think if you just stick to your strengths, it's going to help you a lot.' Today too, even before walking into the field, Lisa (Keightley), our coach, came to me and said the same thing. 'I understand how it feels when you see everyone around you is going a certain way, but. Just sticking to your strengths is going to help the team and it's going to help you because you are a very valuable member for our team.'"

The result? An energetic knock that took Delhi Capitals to 192, in its first home fixture, a comfortably competitive score against a ridiculously good opponent

The Mumbai-based batter began cautiously, as she does. She took her time to get a feel of the Delhi pitch which has a reputation of facilitating big scores despite being a bit on the slower side.

Finding her rhythm

She got going from the 17th delivery of her innings, thumping Shabnim Ismail between long-on and deep mid wicket for four. Jemimah made best use of wayward lines from MI to step out of her crease and make room to pick the gaps. One shot in particular stood out – a very not-Jemimah-ish hooked six over fine-leg after stepping well outside off. Radha Yadav was seen applauding excitedly with the rest of the dugout, while MI skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was left stunned.

"I don't remember the last time I've played in Delhi, especially at the Kotla. Having played in other parts of India, this wicket was very similar to the wickets in Ranchi, which are low, but it comes on the bat and I think that suits my game a lot. Even in my stance, I stayed a little low because there was no bounce. So if you stay lower, it's easier to time the ball and hit through the gaps," Jemimah said, while breaking down her knock.

This was advice she was happy to share with every batter who joined her in the middle. It made for an amusing sight to watch her belt down instructions to veterans like Meg Lanning and Marizanne Kapp, sprinkling it with generous fist bumps and screams of encouragement.

"When Meg came on, she was used to the conditions so she initially talked me through the conditions. Once I got used to it, Marizanne was here by then, I kept telling her where they were going to target us. The boundaries were short and so the MI bowlers kept going wide. So I told her they're going to target her wide and I told her about the slow wicket. I told her to stay low because there was a lot of difference in bounce from what we saw in Chinnaswamy and how it is here. So I told Kapp that if she stayed low, she'd be able to connect better. Sometimes instinct also tells you what the opponent is trying to do. So I was just trying to help her out there," she added.

A product of the Mumbai nursery of cricket, Jemimah has faced many tough seasons in cricket, with a wealth of experience in the game having broken into the international scene six years ago. From Jhulan Goswami (current MI bowling coach), and W.V. Raman (former India head coach) to teammates across national and franchise sides, she has found support, technical and emotional, from different quarters. But in her quest to stay true to her repertoire, Jemimah looks up to Virat Kohli.

"I think Virat Kohli does that really well and I really look up to him because we have similar positions in the Indian team. The way he goes about things, he runs well between the wickets, he has intent while batting. Even when he hits sixes, he hits it in the gaps. So if he hits it, it's either two runs, four runs or a six if he hits it too well. So I think that's what I try to implement in my game too."

This was Delhi Capitals' first home game, at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. While the Mohinder Amarnath stand saw crowds flooding in, particularly in the lower and middle tier, and fans scattering themselves in the seats across the stadium (official attendance not disclosed as yet), Delhi still has a few miles to go to match the enthusiasm Bengaluru showed while hosting the first leg of the edition.

Innings like this from Jemimah got fans to the fences, roaring in jubilation, particularly when the one at the receiving end is the defending champion and an established adversary in the men's franchise vertical.

There is some poetic justice then that in a Mumbai vs Delhi clash, a Mumbaikar led Delhi to victory and made the venue and the crowd her own. In the press box, this reporter saw catering staff struggling to look away from the television screens installed in the dining area. "*Arey thod di usne! Kya sahi mara hai. Sirf 30 balls mein 60*! (Oh she's broken them. What a shot, just 30 balls to get to the 60s)".

The layman will not know of the countless trials by fire Jemimah has had to go through. Those who are in the know realise it through the human side she's never afraid to bare.

It's that human side that endears her so much to teammates and opponents alike. It's why you can never not smile when 'Jemi' does well because in those victories lie enough proof that there is redemption in being the most authentic version of oneself.

THE GIST

- The fifty against MI on Tuesday was Jemimah's maiden WPL half-century
- It was in her 14th match that she scored her first WPL fifty
- Jemimah's brisk innings included eight fours and three sixes and she struck at 209.09
- Her effort helped Capitals get off to a winning start in its home leg

From Page One

Blast case: NIA announces reward for info on suspect

Meanwhile, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said the CCB of Bengaluru City Police will continue to assist the NIA. "The CCB team has some vital clues and are working on it to track down the accused," he said.

On whether an Intelligence failure led to the blast, Mr. Parameshwara said that there were many Intelligence agencies in the country, both at the Centre and State, and the perpetrator evaded all these agencies and carried out the attack.

Reacting to the threat mail, he said that the proton mail service, the domain used to send the email, was based abroad and the city police had written to the service provider seeking information on the sender. "This is the second incident where such domains that prioritise encryption and privacy have been used. The Union government should ban such service providers, as they are posing a threat to national security," he said.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated March 7, we have a photo feature on the National Horticulture Fair at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Indian Institute of Horticultural Research. From seeds of different varieties of fruit and vegetable plants to advanced technological advancements are available at the 250 stalls put up at the fair.

KPTCL plans five-acre underground substation through PPP model to augment transmission network

KPTCL will lease out land above the substation for 35 years to the private party who can set up real estate assets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For augmentation of its transmission network to cater to the growing power demand in Bengaluru, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) is planning to upgrade its existing Air Insulated Substations (AIS) to Gas Insulated Substations (GIS) through public-private partnership (PPP) model.

Currently, there are 149 AIS and 22 GIS in Bengaluru. Among the 149 AIS, a few will be taken up for redevelopment and redesign by KPTCL. The first is a pilot project planned at the Anand Rao Circle substation. In the first-of-its-kind project in the city, KPTCL plans to take the substation underground sprawling across five acres.

Energy Minister K.J. George

Under the project, KPTCL will lease out the land above the substation for 35 years to the private party who can set up real estate assets. While the ownership of the land and the substation will lie with KPTCL, the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) of the substation and the real estate development will be borne by the private developer. Upon completion of the lease tenure, the real estate will be transferred to KPTCL.

According to projections, the electricity demand in Bengaluru for financial year 2024-25 is stated to be 22 billion units while the peak demand is stated to be 3.6 Giga Watts (GW). The projections show that by 2030, the demand will reach 33 billion units while the peak demand will reach 5.4 GW.

"We need more substations with higher capacity in Bengaluru due to increased consumption from Electric Vehicle (EV) and other industries in and around the city. Old substations required more land and had lesser capacity. With these new compact substations, we can reduce land usage and increase capacity," said K.J. George, Energy Minister, during a press conference on Wednesday. He added that the plans for redevelopment of substations are still at a preliminary stage and would be taken for cabinet approval after assessing the response from stakeholders to the concept.

The officials of the department also said that the plan is to first redevelop 15 substations which could mean 30-40 acres of land spread across Bengaluru. "We would need to conduct a detailed study of each location with design, feasibility, viability, and revenue for both government and the developer. The building designs will reflect the aesthetic of the city and will align with 'Brand Bengaluru'. We will consult experts for the same," said Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department.

No burden to the consumer

With the projects taking place under PPP model, KPTCL would not have to incur any capital expenditure.

"KPTCL wants to invest and create infrastructure without burdening consumers. These projects will also have other benefits including reduced construction time, footprint, reduced safety risk and lower maintenance cost. The idle land in the substation premises can be developed into real estate which will also be expected to generate employment," said Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Managing Director, KPTCL.

Soura Shakti Mela for farmers on Saturday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Energy Department will organise a 'Raita Soura Shakti Mela' (farmers' solar energy fair) on Saturday at the GKVK campus.

The mela, which will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, aims to diminish the reliability of conventional electricity for irrigation and promote self-sufficiency among farmers through the adoption of solar energy solutions.

Farmers from across the State are expected to attend the mela.

Energy Minister K.J. George, on Wednesday, said: "The path to sustainable agriculture lies in embracing solar pump sets to cater to the diverse energy needs of our farmers. Hence, to enlighten and equip farmers with essential knowledge, we are happy to organise the 'Raita Soura Shakti Mela'.

KERC issues guidelines for installing prepaid smart electricity meters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on Wednesday notified the "Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Prepaid Smart Metering) Regulations, 2024" which will come into effect from April 1. This will enable consumers across Karnataka to install prepaid smart electricity meters.

The prepaid smart meters can be procured at the retail outlets of electricity supply companies. FILE PHOTO

The prepaid smart meters, which can be procured at the retail outlets of electricity supply companies (Escom), will communicate all the metered data at least once a day to the escom.

Once every quarter, an authorised representative of the Escom will physically read the meter. The consumers can get all their energy consumption related data on a real-time basis through a website, mobile app, or any other digital mode.

"At the time of availing prepaid metering facility, the consumer shall pay minimum amount equivalent to the monthly fixed/demand charges plus energy charges as per consumers' requirement at the prevailing tariff rates. The consumer may recharge the energy charges as and when required in multiples of ₹100, subject to a minimum amount equivalent to one week's average consumption as recorded in the immediately preceding week or month. There shall be no maximum limit for recharge amount," the notification said.

While the communication system will notify and alert the consumers when they exhaust 75% of energy charges amount in a billing month, in case of failure to recharge the meter account the balance runs out to zero, then the meter will be automatically disconnected and it will be deemed a temporary power disconnection. The power will return upon recharging the account after the adjustment of any negative balance.

Both new consumers and existing postpaid consumers can avail the prepaid smart meter facilities. Consumers who wish to know more about the process, can visit https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in

Cause for concern

Varthur lake, one of the largest lakes in Bengaluru used for irrigation purpose, is now polluted. Encroachments and construction of buildings add to its woes. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

FIR against private hospital for running abortion racket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It was found that the hospital had, since 2021, performed 74 illegal abortion procedures. It had not maintained records of the procedures

The Bengaluru Rural district family welfare officials have unearthed an illegal abortion racket running at a private hospital in Nelamangala for the last three years. The racket came to light during a routine inspection.

Based on a complaint filed by S.R. Manjunath, District Family Welfare Officer, Bengaluru Rural district, the Nelamangala town police registered an FIR against Ravi Kumar N.R., owner of Asare Hospital, Subhash Nagar, B.H. Road, Nelamangala Town, charging him under Section 312 (contrived termination of pregnancy), 313 (non-consensual abortion), 315 (intent to prevent child being born alive or to cause it to die after birth), and 316 (causing death of quick unborn child by act amounting to culpable homicide) of IPC.

Mr. Ravi Kumar is presently on the run and efforts are on to track him down.

In his complaint, Dr. Manjunath said that during the inspection and verification of records, it was found that the hospital had obtained license valid till September 2026. The hospital since 2021 performed 74 illegal abortion procedures. It had not maintained records of the procedures performed, which is a gross violation under Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, the complaint said. The inspection team also found that the hospital had not maintained any records of scanning reports nor submitted details of any procedure to the district authority.

Dr. Manjunath has submitted a detailed report to the Health and Family Welfare Department for further action, even as he filed a case with the police appealing to them to collect more evidence like CCTV footage among others.

'Govt. aims to increase representation of women in police force to 25%'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Wednesday said that the State government plans to increase the share of women in Karnataka State Police from the existing 8% to 25% in due course.

Addressing a seminar on 'violence against women', Dr. Parameshwara said that the government is committed to ensure safety of women and has sanctioned six women police stations across the city taking their number to eight. To provide assistance to the aggrieved visitors, two women counsellors have been appointed at each of these police stations, he added. The department should ensure that all women police stations are headed by a woman officer but due to shortage of women officers many station do not have such facilities. However, this will be corrected in the coming days, he said.

Elaborating on the measures taken to ensure the safety of women under Safe City Project, Dr. Parameshwara said that the aim is to make Bengaluru a safe city where 7,500 CCTV cameras, 280 Hoysala vehicles, and the entire city police force work round the clock to ensure the safety and maintain law and order. The 112 response system developed on a par with the London Metropolitan Police model started with a response time of 20 minutes and has now improved to seven minutes, he added.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara addressing a seminar on violence against women, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. DG&IGP Alok Mohan and city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda also seen.

The Home Minister said that the government was also working on a scheme to provide housing facilities for acid attack victims and help their children get educated.

As many as 20 women participants raised their concerns ranging from creating gender sensitivity among the police personnel to getting required legal support and dedicated advocates to fight their cases.

A woman complained that she was running from pillar to post to get justice for her minor daughter who is a rape victim. She said that the her daughter was being threatened by the perpetrators and the jurisdictional Begur police had refused to be of any help. She said her daughter was not going to school because of this for the past year. Dr. Parameshwara said that they would not only help the victim and her family, but would initiate action against officials who hadn't come to the rescue of the victim.

Another women complained about the indifference of the Hoskote police while handling a case of a womn assaulted by her husband and being dumped in the well. The accused, who works in the Forest Department, was being supported by the police and despite assault and attempt to murder charges, the police refused to register FIR and take legal action against the accused, the woman alleged.

Many women voiced their concerns that dowry harassment section 498A cases had become "toothless" and the police refused to take legal action and arrest citing new guidelines. "Counselling has become the norm for all the domestic violence as victims advised to "adjust" , another women participant said.

Cybersecurity policy to be implemented soon

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Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Wednesday said that the cybersecurity policy will be implemented in the State shortly, and that the State government will seek help from companies that are working in the area of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and cloud computing, among others, to prevent cybercrimes.

Speaking at the Cybercrime Investigation Convention here, the Home Minister said that Karnataka was ahead of many other States in cybersecurity policy, and that it would be implemented soon. "Since a huge number of digital transactions are taking place, it is important to to be aware of cyber threats and safety. It is important to safeguard our data." As cases of deep fake, illegal financial transactions, online banking frauds, and loan app frauds increase, it is difficult to investigate without the assistance of some foreign countries, he added.

State-level protest held

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Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), Karnataka State Committee, on Wednesday observed a State-level protest, demanding the government to stop the increase in prices of essential commodities, withdraw the anti-people National Education Policy 2020 immediately, provide permanent jobs and free healthcare for all.

K. Radhakrishna, Polit Bureau Member, SUCI(C), said that all current political parties in our country are subservient to the capitalist class, Hence, it only means that the working class and the impoverished section are in a way given a choice to elect a political party that would exploit them more profoundly.

Member of the State Committee M. Shashidhar, addressed the issue of Bagair Hukum farmers who are yet to receive their ownership documents and demanded the dispensing of the documents to the farmers immediately.

What makes ASML's chip-making machine a scientific marvel?

By continuously making semiconductor chips smaller, faster, and more efficient, technology has progressed from just four transistors in the first integrated circuit in 1948 to more than 19 billion in smartphone chips. The High NA EUV machine is the current cutting edge in making these chips.

Awanish Pandey

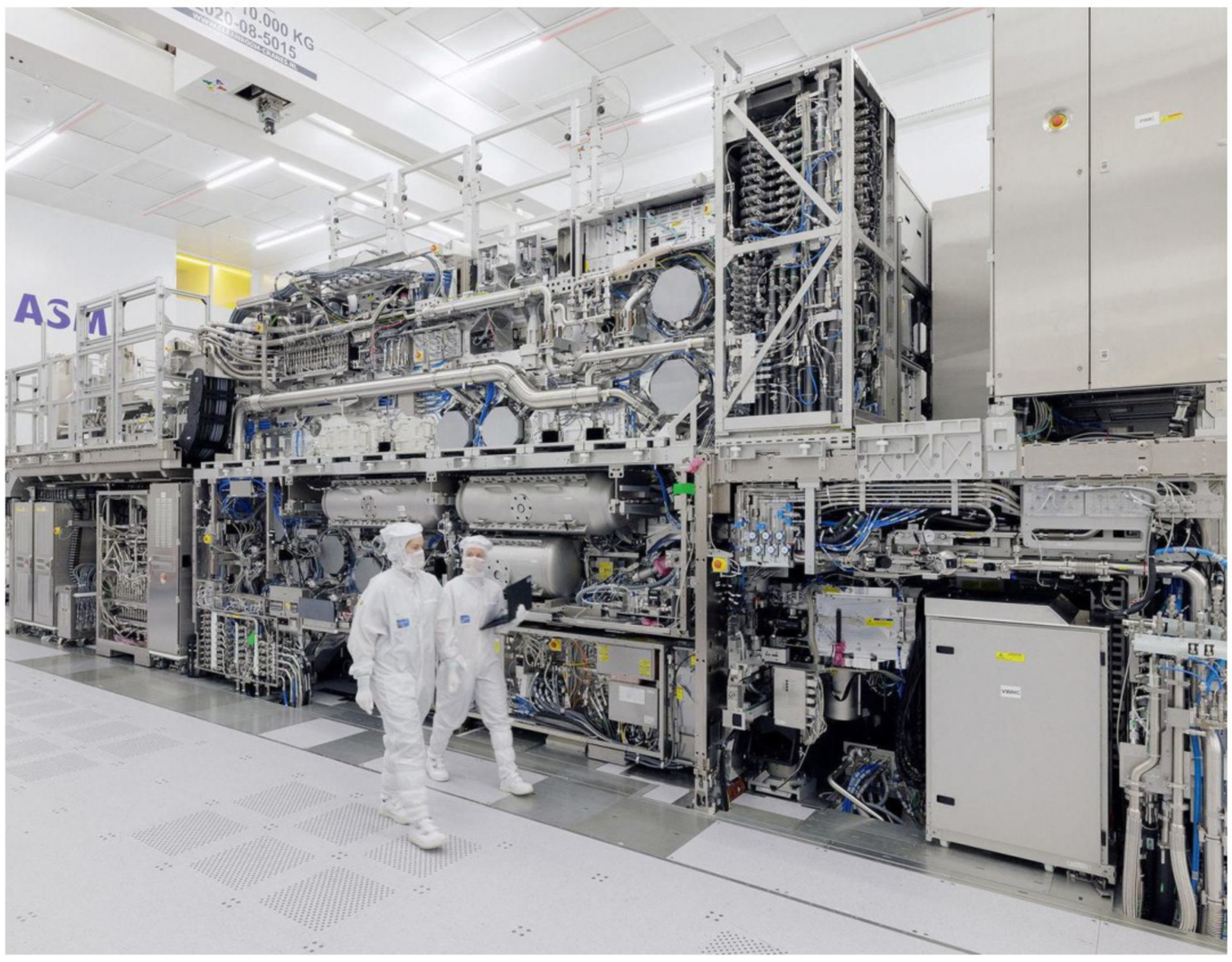
Computers denote data in bits – the famous 0s and 1s – using semiconductors. These are small physical devices that store these values and perform mathematical operations on them. The sum of all these operations is what allows the computer to compute.

The world has powerful computers almost everywhere around us thanks to a technology called semiconductor lithography – the science of printing intricate circuits with extreme precision.

There are machines that automate this process, at a cost of anywhere between ₹800 crore and ₹1,600 crore. Only one company, ASML, headquartered in the Netherlands, makes them, giving it an absolute monopoly in a market worth $125 billion and rendering it the technology company with the highest market value in Europe.

In February, ASML unveiled its new 'High NA EUV' machine. It costs $350 million (₹2,900 crore) apiece and is as big as a double decker bus. Industry analysts say the machine ups ASML's competition with Intel in the market for the most advanced semiconductors, to power the next generation of computers and smartphones.

This machine uses extreme ultraviolet (EUV) photolithography, a next-generation technology, to make the semiconductors. Here, simply speaking, the mould of the circuits of a transistor – a type of semiconductor – are transferred to a silicon wafer coated with a light-sensitive material called a photoresist. When light is shined on the photoresist, the mould solidifies and its gaps can be filled with wires to form the transistor.



ASML is not allowed to sell its lithography machines to China along with other components, to prevent reverse-engineering. ASML/MICHEL DE HEER/REUTERS

Rayleigh scattering criterion

The smallest feature size that can be moulded on the silicon wafer is governed by a physics principle called the Rayleigh scattering criterion. According to this criterion, the size of the feature to be projected on the wafer is proportional to the wavelength of light used and inversely proportional to the aperture of the lens that collects light before projecting it onto the wafer.

The proportionality with the wavelength of light includes a factor called '*k*'. Its value depends on many factors, including the operating temperature and the chemical properties of the photoresist, but has a maximum value of 0.25. In the inverse proportionality, the aperture indicates the amount of light that can be collected and focused on the wafer: the greater the aperture, the smaller the feature size.

In most cases, engineers have reduced the smallest size imprinted on the wafer by reducing the wavelength of the light shined on the photoresist. Around four decades ago, for example, chip-manufacturing companies used light of wavelength 436 nanometres (nm); the latest machines of today use 13.5 nm light, which lies in the extreme-ultraviolet (EUV) part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Just before EUV machines, chip-makers relied on deep UV light (193 nm wavelength) to project intricate patterns onto the wafers.

How is EUV light produced?

When this process is repeated multiple times across the whole wafer, the end product is an integrated circuit, a.k.a. a chip. The dominant way to make more powerful chips throughout history has been to increase the number of transistors crammed on the chip. This in turn requires the size of the transistors to become smaller, motivating innovation in reducing the wavelength of the light used to make the moulds. But this is much easier said than done.

Consider the process that the ASML machine (likely) uses to produce 13.5-nm light. First, a gun shoots a spherical droplet of liquid tin, around 50 micrometres wide (half the width of a strand of hair), at nearly 300 km/hr into the machine. In flight, a laser strikes the tin and deforms its shape into a pancake. This tin pancake is still in flight when another intense laser beam strikes it, transforming it into a hot, ionised gas with a temperature 40-times higher than that on the surface of the Sun. At this juncture, the gas emits EUV light that the machine collects for use.

This entire process – from the gun to the emission – happens 50,000-times per second to produce EUV light of sufficient intensity. That is, the guns shoot 50,000 tin droplets per second and there are twice as many laser shots to modify it. This process also unfolds within a vacuum because virtually anything, even air, absorbs EUV radiation, leaving less for the machine.

How precise is the machine?

The mirrors used to collect and reflect the generated light are a marvel as well. Crafted by the German company Zeiss, they boast the smoothest surfaces ever created by humans. Approximately 30 cm wide, their surfaces are so flawless that if scaled to the size of Uttar Pradesh, the tallest bump on each surface would be a mere 1 mm high. This is a level of imperfection lower than the size of a single atom. Similarly, the mirrors reflect EUV light with such precision that if aimed from the earth, they could strike a cricket ball on the moon and not miss by more than the width of a strand of hair.

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Finally, this light has to be guided to the silicon wafer with similar precision, which requires the wafer to be moved in increments as big as the smallest features to be printed on it. To achieve this, the stage holding the wafer floats on a magnetic field, to avoid any friction-induced compromise in precision. Ultra-sensitive sensors then adjust the wafer's position 20,000 times per second, with an accuracy nearing just 50 picometers. This is like adjusting the earth's position in space by a distance of one fingernail at a time.

All these 20,000 adjustments are executed with an acceleration greater than that of any F1 car or a fighter jet, to increase the device's production efficiency.

What is the machine's value?

As such, 'High NA EUV' doesn't represent a single achievement but a collection of multiple achievements, brought together to push the boundaries of computing just enough to create the next generation.

Mankind's future is being constantly reshaped by artificial intelligence, robots, intelligent automobiles, high-quality digital communication, powerful gadgets, and space exploration. These innovations are not only transforming the way humans live and work but also opening new possibilities that were once in the realm of science fiction. The fundamental enablers of these revolutions are semiconductor chips, which carry out the enormous numbers of calculations required to materialise these technologies.

By continuously making these chips smaller, faster, and more efficient, technology has progressed from just four transistors in the first integrated circuit in 1948 to more than 19 billion in the chip we use in our smartphones.

This innovation is driven by Moore's law, which describes the expectation that the number of transistors on a microchip will double approximately every two years.Lithography machines also have strategic ramifications.

For example, ASML is not allowed to sell its lithography machines to China along with other components, to prevent researchers in the Asian country from potentially reverse-engineering them. So these machines underscore the fact that major technological breakthroughs can provide highly skilled jobs as well as strengthen a country's standing geopolitically.

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Beachgoers cool off on a hot summer day at Agua Dulce beach in the Chorrillos district in Lima, Peru, in February. REUTERS

2023 El Niño is among the strongest on record: WMO

Press Trust of India

The 2023-2024 El Niño has peaked as one of the five strongest on record and will continue to affect climate in the coming months despite a weakening trend, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said on March 5.

The U.N. agency also said above-normal temperatures are predicted over almost all land areas between March and May. The prevailing El Niño conditions have already fuelled record temperatures and extreme events worldwide, with 2023 being the warmest on record.

In its latest update, the WMO said there is about a 60% chance of the El Niño persisting during March-May and an 80% chance of neutral conditions (neither an El Niño nor a La Niña) during April-June.

Scientists closely tracking the development in India have said La Niña conditions setting in by June-August could mean monsoon rains will be better this year than they were in 2023.

El Niño is the periodic warming of the ocean surface in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. It occurs every two to seven years on average and typically lasts nine to 12 months at a time. It is associated with more rainfall in the Horn of Africa and the southern U.S. and dry and warm conditions in Southeast Asia, Australia, and southern Africa.

Continuing El Niño and above-normal sea-surface temperatures over global oceans are expected to lead to higher temperatures over most land areas in the next three months

"Ocean surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific clearly reflect El Niño," WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo said. "But sea-surface temperatures in other parts of the globe have been persistently and unusually high for the past 10 months. The January 2024 sea-surface temperature was by far the highest on record for January. This can't be explained by El Nino alone."

Scientists say an El Niño typically has the greatest impact on the climate in the second year of its development – 2024 in this instance.

The continuing, albeit weaker, El Niño and predicted above-normal sea-surface temperatures over much of the global oceans are expected to lead to above-normal temperatures over almost all land areas in the next three months, according to a WMO update.

The current El Nino event, which developed in June 2023, was strongest in November-January. It induced a peak value of about 2 degrees C above the 1991-2020 average temperature in the eastern and central tropical Pacific Ocean. This made it one of the five strongest El Niño events ever.

"El Niño events have a major impact on societies and economies. Accurate seasonal forecasts from the WMO community helped countries prepare in advance to try to limit the damage in climate sensitive sectors like agriculture, water resources and health," Ms. Saulo said.

"Early warnings of weather and climate extremes associated with El Nino have saved countless lives."

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

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Solid, liquid, gas, plasma – and the non-classical states of matter

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

This state of matter refers to solids that lack long-range order — i.e. some sort of relationship between parts of the solid across (relatively) long distances in the bulk.

Many volcanic eruptions leave behind rocky formations in this state, as does the act of rapidly cooling a substance that has been heated from solid to liquid. Name this state.

QUESTION 2

Materials in this state do have long-range order but are also liquid, which is unusual.

They are part of a widely used household appliance because of their low power consumption, low heat emission, and elimination of flicker. Name this state.

QUESTION 3

Instances of this material are often sold as a human-made replacement for natural rubber. They are characterised by a microphase separation: that is, nanometre-wide blocks of the material dissociate from each other, but don't pull away entirely because they're joined by covalent bonds. What are such materials called?

QUESTION 4

This state of matter is characterised by its magnetic properties.

To illustrate: in ferromagnetic materials, the quantum spin of atoms all point in the same direction. In this state, the spins point in random directions. Name this state.

QUESTION 5

Scientists haven't directly observed this state of matter but they know it exists because they're able to predict its properties and behaviour from large distances.

Neutron stars possess one variety of this state and white dwarfs another. Name this state.

Answers to February 29 quiz:

1. Length of time referring to actual duration of one earth revolution – **Ans: Sidereal year**
2. Days added to keep calendars in step with natural phenomena – **Ans: Embolisms or intercalary days**
3. Calendar in which leap day is added every four years – **Ans: Julian calendar**
4. System that tracks the moon relative to the earth and the Sun – **Ans: Synodic**
5. Phenomenon in which lunar apogee and perigee rotate positions – **Ans: Apsidal precession**

Visual: **Chashtana**

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Answers to March 1 quiz:

1. Strongest muscle in the body relative to its size – **Ans: Masseter**
2. Part of the face that has the same size from birth – **Ans: Eyes**
3. Sole muscle attached at only one end – **Ans: Tongue**
4. Term for muscle surrounding the eyes and called "crow's feet" – **Ans: Orbicularis oculi**
5. Muscle responsible for elevating the corners of the mouth – **Ans: Zygomaticus major**

Visual: **Meibomian glands**

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Agriculture Department schemes and progress - Bird's eye view

Newly announced schemes for the year 2024-2025

- Karnataka Raitha Samrudhi Yojane
- Agriculture Development Authority under the chairmanship of Chief Minister
- Establishment of Community Seed Bank

Visit to Millet field by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka along with Agriculture Minister Shri N. Chaluvarayaswamy.

- "Namma Millet" Programme for value addition and marketing of millets
- Development of R.K Shaala as Knowledge Center in PPP mode
- Expansion of e-SAP technology to the entire State

Current Year Progress

Tractor: 126
Power Tiller: 3244
34,429 Total benefitted farmers
Rs.264.92 Crore Subsidy

Tractor: 510
Power Tiller:2712
Beneficiaries to be covered-29,630
Rs.177.05 Crore Subsidy

- Quality seeds distribution: 6.12 lakh quintals,13.09 lakh farmers and Rs.155.36 Crore subsidy.
- Farm Mechanization: 64,059 farm machineries and Rs.414.97 Crore subsidy.
- Micro Irrigation: 2.34 lakh farmers and Rs.502 Crore subsidy.
- Crop Insurance : Payment settled to 8 lakh farmers to the tune of 600 Crore, Balance claim settlement under process.
- Krishi Bhagya : Construction of more than 10,000 farm ponds.
- Hi-tech Harvester Hub: Rs.50 Crore for establishment of 100 Hi-tech harvester hubs.
- Redgram Wilt disease (Nete Roga): Rs.223 Crore compensation to the 2.98 lakh farmers of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura and Yadagiri Districts.
- International Millets and Organic Trade Fair-2024: More than 2 lakh visitors, 41 MoUs and 150 Crore business.
- Agri Startup: Rs.10 Crore for establishment of 48 Agri Startups
- Raita Siri: Rs.8.56 Crore incentive to more than 8500 farmers for millet cultivation.
- Training: Training on agriculture technologies to more than 1 lakh farmers.
- Approval to fill up the 750 Technical posts to work at the field level.
- Establishment of "Raita Kare Kendra" (Integrated Call Center) .
- Adoption of QR code in input distribution.

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The slight drop in p-note investments in the month of January

1.43 in ₹ lakh crore. Investments through participatory notes (p-notes) in Indian markets declined in January due to cautious foreign investor behaviour amid high valuations. PTI

Amount approved by ESIC for hospital construction

1,128 in ₹ crore. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has approved funds for the construction of seven ESI hospitals in Karnataka, U.P., M.P and Odisha. PTI

The number of cattle dead due to starvation in Bhandara

40 The cattle died due to lack of food and water near a village in Maharashtra's Bhandara district, the police said. A resident of Paoni brought these cattle and left them in a open field, where they starved to death. PTI

The number of Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks

30,171 Gaza's Health Ministry says the death toll of Palestinians from the war has climbed over 30,700, with 86 bodies being brought to hospitals in the last 24 hours. AP

Migrants who died via land and sea routes worldwide in 2023

8,565 International Organization for Migration said that this was a record high since it began tallying deaths a decade ago. AP

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Are legislators immune to bribery charges?

What are the constitutional provisions under which MPs and MLAs enjoy immunity from prosecution when it comes to voting or making a speech in Parliament or the Legislative Assemblies? Is such a legislative privilege unqualified? Why did the court overrule its P. V. Narasimha Rao judgment?

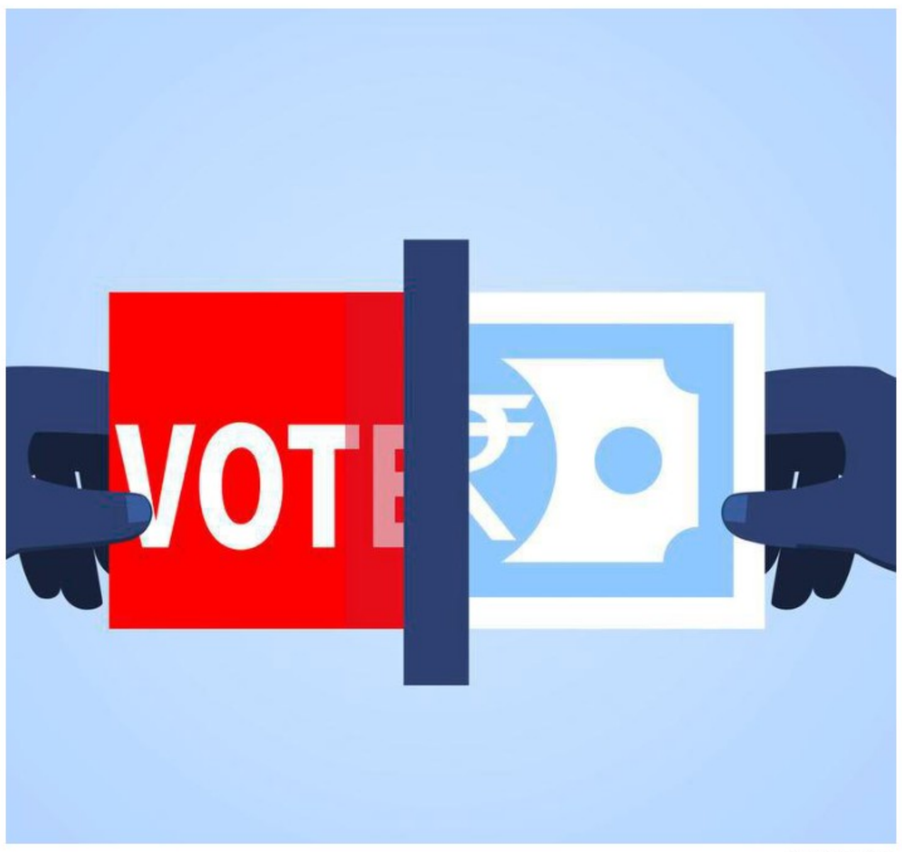
EXPLAINER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:
A seven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Monday ruled that Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) cannot claim immunity from prosecution for accepting bribes to cast a vote or make a speech in the House in a particular fashion. Article 105(2) of the Indian Constitution confers on MPs immunity from prosecution in respect of anything said or any vote given in Parliament or on any parliamentary committee. Similarly, Article 194(2) grants protection to MLAs.

What was the case?
Sita Soren, a member of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), was accused of accepting a bribe to cast her vote in favour of a certain candidate in the Rajya Sabha elections of 2012. Soon a chargesheet was filed against her. In 2014, the Jharkhand High Court dismissed Ms. Soren's plea wherein she claimed she enjoyed legal immunity under Article 194(2). The dismissal in the High Court led to an appeal being filed in the Supreme Court. On September 20, 2023, a five-judge Bench headed by CJI Chandrachud while hearing the appeal doubted the correctness of the majority view in *P.V. Narasimha versus State* (1998) and accordingly referred the matter to a seven-judge Bench while underscoring that it is an "important issue that concerns our polity".

What was the 1998 ruling that was overruled?
The *P.V. Narasimha Rao* ruling involves the 1993 JMM bribery case against former Union Minister Shibu Soren, the father-in-law of Sita Soren, the petitioner in the present case. Mr. Soren, along with some of his party members, were accused of taking bribes to vote against the no-confidence motion against the then P.V. Narasimha Rao government. While two judges on the Constitution Bench opined that legislative immunity granted under the Constitution could not be extended to such cases, the majority of them, while acknowledging the seriousness of the offence, ruled that "a narrow construction of the constitutional provisions" may result in the impairment of the guarantee of "parliamentary participation and debate".



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What did the top court rule now?
While elaborating upon the purpose of Articles 105 and 194, the Chief Justice pointed out that such privileges are guaranteed to sustain an environment in which debate and deliberation can take place within the legislature. However, such a purpose is destroyed when a member is induced to vote or speak in a certain manner following an act of bribery. He also highlighted that the assertion of any such privilege will be governed by a two-fold test – first, the privilege claimed has to be tethered to the collective functioning of the House and second, its necessity must bear a functional relationship to the discharge of the essential duties of a legislator.

"Bribery is not rendered immune under Article 105(2) and the corresponding provision of Article 194 because a member engaging in bribery commits a crime which is not essential to the casting of the vote or the ability to decide on how the vote should be cast. The same principle applies to bribery in connection with a speech in the House or a Committee," the court elucidated.

Importantly, it underscored that the offence of bribery is complete at the point in time when the legislator accepts the bribe, whether or not it is followed up by voting or making a speech in the manner wanted by the giver of the bribe. Equally, the place where the bribe was offered or received did not matter. Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act strengthens such an interpretation since it expressly states that the "obtaining, accepting, or attempting" to obtain an undue advantage shall itself constitute an offence even if the performance of a public duty by a public servant has not been improper.

Additionally, the petitioners argued that the exercise of the Court's jurisdiction is unwarranted since the Parliament also has the power to punish its members for contempt either by suspending them or sentencing them to a jail term. Dismissing this, the Court said that parallel jurisdictions can be exercised since its jurisdiction to prosecute a criminal offence and the authority of the House to take action for a breach of discipline operate in distinct spheres.

"The potential of misuse against individual members of the legislature is neither enhanced nor diminished by recognising the jurisdiction of the Court to prosecute a member of the legislature who is alleged to have indulged in an act of bribery," it reasoned.

The Court also clarified that the principles enunciated by the verdict regarding legislative privileges will apply equally to Rajya Sabha elections and appointments of the President and Vice-President of the country. Accordingly, it overruled the observations in *Kuldip Nayar versus Union of India* (2006), which held that elections to the Rajya Sabha are not proceedings of the legislature but a mere exercise of franchise and therefore fall outside the ambit of parliamentary privileges under Article 194.

THE GIST

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The Italian top court's ruling on sea migrants from Libya

What was the case about? Why is Libya's port not considered safe for refoulement of migrants?

Saumya Kalia

The story so far:
Libya is not a safe harbour, and it is "unlawful" to force migrants rescued from the sea to return to a territory where their fundamental rights are at risk, Italy's highest court held in a ruling in February.

What was the case?
On July 30, 2018, the ship Asso 28, picked up 101 migrants, including five pregnant women and five minors, from a dinghy and returned them to the Libyan coastguard at the Tripoli port. A lower Italian court prosecuted the ship's captain in 2021, finding him guilty of violating international humanitarian and refugee laws. The principle of non-refoulement forbids the forced return of people to countries where their lives or rights are at risk. Per international law, Libya is currently not a port of safety. The Supreme Court of Cassation in the present verdict reiterated this stance. The court said that once picked up, the migrants were under the captain's charge, and in 'abandoning' them, the captain violated directives of the International Maritime Organization and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea. The migrants faced a "high risk" of being subjected to "inhuman and degrading treatment in the detention centres... in Libyan territory, with the impossibility of seeing their fundamental rights protected."

What are legalites of sea rescues?
The expanse of the Mediterranean Sea between Libya and Italy is among the most dangerous albeit oft-used passage for migrants from sub-Saharan Africa fleeing ethnic conflict, war and famine. Human Rights Watch estimates at least 25,313 people have died in the Mediterranean Sea since 2014.

Under Article 98 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, every shipmaster is required "to render assistance to any person found at sea in danger of being lost." International maritime law also requires coastal states to conduct search and rescue services, and if needed, coordinate with other nations during these operations. Still, countries like Italy and Malta have delayed ships' arrivals or ignored requests for disembarking altogether. More than 24,000 people were intercepted and forced to go back to Libya in 2022, according to HRW.

What's happening in Libya?
A UN Human Rights Council fact-finding mission last year said there were "reasonable grounds to believe that crimes against humanity have been committed against Libyans and migrants throughout Libya," with crimes, including torture and sexual slavery, committed in detention centres under the control of authorities including Libyan coastguards.

War-torn Libya has been under militia rule since 2011. Humans rights groups notes that this has allowed the proliferation of human trafficking especially in detention centres, where commanders "could be running their own militias and profiteering from picking up migrants at sea, sending them to be detained, and then demanding more money from the detained migrants," as per a report. The same Libyan authorities have received funding, vessels, aerial surveillance and training from Italy and the European Union. Italy and Libya signed a memorandum in 2017 – renewed for a second time in 2023 – under which the Italian Government gifted commercial vessels to Libya, trained crew in conducting these operations and invested $10.8 million in Libya's maritime infrastructure.There was a "direct causal link between Italy's cooperation activities with the Libyan coastguard and the exposure of people intercepted at sea to serious human rights violations," said Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights.

Why is the ruling important?
UN agencies had acknowledged that Libya cannot be considered a "place of safety" for disembarking people rescued at sea due to proven human rights abuses at detention centres. Italy's Court of Cassation added weight to this warning with its ruling. However, rights groups note that Italy's far-right government led by Giorgia Meloni may double down on anti-immigration policies and obstruct the work of search and rescue NGOs. This would escalate the likelihood of death and detention for migrants.

THE GIST

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Notification No. KHB/CE/PARIVESH/Suryanagar 1 to 3/ KHB/2023-24SE0069 Date: 02.03.2024

Providing Consultancy Services for Environmental; Monitoring services as per environment clearance conditions and online uploading of six monthly compliance report is PARIVESH Web portal of MOEF & CC for Composite Housing Scheme at Suryanagara phase 1, 2 & 3.

Last date for submission of bid is on 16.03.2024 upto 4.00 p.m.

For further information contact below mentioned office address **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru Tel: 080-22273511, 22100077.** Web site: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO4105/23-24

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S, Division, Mysore
Short Term Tender Notification No: 31/2023-24
date:02.03.2024

Short Term Tender Notification (extended)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders under Standard Bid documents (Two cover system) has been called for Multi Village Water Supply scheme to **Antharasanthe** and other 134 habitations in H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysore District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission, **(Estimate cost 101.73 crores)** under the Head of Account: Jal Jeevan Mission (MVS Scheme). Tender is been invited as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Due to some technical reasons Last Date for submitting the filled Tender has been extended to **06.03.2024 upto 4:00 PM**, Opening of Technical bid **07.03.2024, 5.00 PM** onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Eligeble Agencies can participate in the tender process and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Tel. Phone No 080–22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.Tender Form Fees – As per e-procurement.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1252/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

Office of The Deputy Commissioner,
Chikkamagaluru District, Chikkamagaluru.
District Urban Development Cell, Chikkamagaluru
e-mail: ka.chikkamagaluru.dudc@gmail.com Ph:08262-239010
No.: DUDC(1)CR/12/2022-23 Date: 04.03.2024

Short-Term e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender is invited in two cover system from eligible contractors regarding implementation of civil works sanctioned to City Municipal Corporation, Kadur of Chikkaballapura District under incentive of Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothana Scheme (Municipality) Stage -4. Interested contractors can participate in the Tender subject to conditions.

Sl. No. 1. **Details of Work:** DMA/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT 16196 **Amount put to Tender(Rs. in lakhs):** 97.75 **E.M.D. (in Rs.):** 2,00,000 **Class of Contractor**: Class 3 and above

Tender Form Fees: As per e-procurement portal. Time period of work: 6 Months (Excluding Rainy Season).

Schedule: *) Last date and time for submission of Tender Forms in e-procurement portal: 11.03.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs. *) Date and time of opening Technical Bid: 12.03.2024 at 16.30 Hrs. *) Date and time of opening Financial Bid: 13.03.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. *) Last date and time for submission of objections in e-portal: 07.03.2024 up to 16.30 Hrs. *) Pre-Bid Meeting of Tender: 07.03.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. Venue: Office of the Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru. Further information can be obtained during office hours and in e- portal. If there are any changes they will only be published in e- portal.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,District Urban Development Cell, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No../197/23-24/ksmca/1462

DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
Maulana Azad Bhavan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No: DOM/DEVP/MAMS/Shoe/CR-06/2024-25 Date: 06.03.2024

Announcement of Short-Term Tender

Short-term tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities to supply two pairs of Shoes (one pair of Black Colour and one pair of White Colour), to the students Maulana Azad Model Schools working under Minority Welfare department for the academic year 2024-25. Details are given below. Interested bidders should apply through online mode under e-Procurement Portal.

Sl. No.	No. of Details	Date/Time
1.	Date of Tender Publication	07.03.2024.
2.	Tender Amount:	Rs. 429.37 Lakhs.
3.	EMD Amount:	Rs.6,44,060/-
4.	Pre-bid meeting:	13.03.2024, 11.30 a.m.
5.	Last date and time for submission of tender:	08.04.2024 by 5:30 p.m.
6.	Date and time of Technical bid opening:	10.04.2024 at 11:30 a.m.
7.	Date and time of Financial bid opening:	12.04.2024 at 11:30 a.m.
8.	Place of tender opening and contact address:	Maulana Azad Bhawan, No.16C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
9.	Telephone No. to be contacted	080-22535902/ 080-22535912.

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-Procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4125/2023-24

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD - PROJECT CIRCLE (CITY)
(Superintending Engineer, Project Circle (city),
Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Chennai-600 040)
E-mail: **sespc2tnhb@yahoo.co.in**, Ph: **26280020**

e- Tender Notice No:PC(C)/21/2023-24 **Date:06.03.2024**

Name of Work	Approximate Value of works in Crores (Including GST)
Construction of 96 HIG Flats (Stilt + 5 Floors and 4 Floors) at Pocket 1,3 and 9/1 in T.S.No. 4part , 1 pt and 8pt, of Block No.55,54 CIT Nagar, Mambalam Village, Mambalam Taluk, Chennai District.	Rs.60.00 (Incl.GST @ 18%)

1. For Tender document visit **https://tntenders.gov.in** Date and Time for downloading and submission of tender documents: **From 08.03.2024 11.00AM to 08.04.2024 11.00 AM**
2. Date and Time of opening of the e-Tender: **08.04.2024 11.30 AM**
3. Detailed Tender Notice is available in the website: **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

DIPR/1405/TENDER/2024

Superintending Engineer
Project Circle (City)/TNHB

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Tel.:(0674) 2380608; Website:www.osmcl.nic.in; Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in
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Notification No.1602/OSMCL/2024 **Date : 04.03.2024**

NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY OF INSTRUMENTS FOR CARDIAC CARE HOSPITAL, JHARSUGUDA SCB MC&H-CUTTACK AND MKCG MC&H, BERHAMPUR

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	Bid Reference No : OSMCL/ 2023-24/CARDIAC CARE INSTRUMENT_EQP/28	TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF INSTRUMENTS FOR CARDIAC CARE HOSPITAL, JHARSUGUDA SCB MC&H-CUTTACK AND MKCG, BERHAMPUR	Rs.5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	04/03/2024, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	14/03/2024, 11.30 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		21/03/2024, 3 PM	12/04/2024, 5 PM
4.	Date& time of Online Technical bid Opening	18/04/2024, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director, OSMCL

CAD-4486 OIPR-10112/11/0047/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, TEL BASIN, BHAWANIPATNA, DIST.KALAHANDI
E-mail Id :- cetelbasinbhp@gmail.com / Phone No: 06670-230209

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-Procurement Notice No:- CE&BM, TEL - 17/2023-24 : Bid Identification No: CETEL-BID-09/2023-24

The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on-line **percentage rate tender** through e-procurement in **double cover system.**

Table - 1: Details of Critical Dates, details of work, Bid Security

Pkg. No.	Name of works	Approx. Tender Cost	Class of Contractor	Bid Security/ EMD (online) (in INR)	Cost of tender document (online) - (in INR)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of F.P.E. on Under left from Ghodar to Sargunamunda RD 00 m to 3500 m.	Rs.6,15,84,428/- (Excluding G.S.T)	'A' & 'Special' Class	Rs.6,15,844/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months

Table-2 : e-Procurement Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of Seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender		Place of Opening
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna	CETEL-BID 09/2023-24	Dt.13.03.2024 at 10.00 hours	Dt.08.04.2024 up to 17.30 hours	Dt.13.03.2024 to 05.04.2024 at Office during office hours	Dt.09.04.2024 at 11.00 Hours	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid	Office of Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in
*Other Terms & conditions can be seen from the Government website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
*The Corrigendum/ cancellation of Tender, if any, will be uploaded and can be seen from the above website only.

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna

A-1665 : OIPR-32317/11/0021/2324

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
Office of the Director of Tourism, No.3, 4th Floor, Embassy Icon, Infantry Road, Bangalore – 560 001.
E-mail:director@karnatakatourism.org | Tel: 080-22352828. | Fax:080-22352626.

No: DT/Pub-1/51/2023-24 **Date:04.03.2024**

Tender Indent Number: DT/2023-24/SE0021

NOTICE INVITING FOR TENDER (Through E-Procurement Only)

SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR DIGITAL MARKETING AGENCY OF KARNATAKA TOURISM

Department of Tourism Government of Karnataka (DoT) intends to appoint an Digital Marketing agency for maintaining the official social media handles of Karnataka Tourism by inviting proposal from competent agency(ies) having similar experience in accordance with the Request for Proposal (REP) Document. The Bidding Document may be downloaded from the E-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **Date: 05-03-2024** onwards. Bidders may submit their Proposals through e-procurement mode on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in website.

A pre-Proposal meeting will be held on **Dt: 18-03-2024 at 12.00 PM.** hours at the below mentioned address of the Director, Tourism. The last date and time for submission of Proposals (Proposal Due Date) is **Dt: 08-04-2024 upto 5.00 PM.** The Tender Inviting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders to be received without assigning any reasons thereof. All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the aforesaid e-procurement website.

In case of any queries/clarifications on the project/documents please contact DoT

Joint Director (P&P) and Tender Inviting Authority
Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka
No.3, 4th Floor, Embassy Icon Building, Infantry Road, Bangalore -560001
Tel: 080-22352525/22352424 Fax:080-22352626 E-mail: tourismkarnatakapublicity@gmail.com

DIPR/CP/JA/4112/2023-24

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR TENDER (only through KPP Portal)
BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1.	South-1	BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE /3757/2023-24 Dated: 02.03.2024	₹ 39,86,902/- / ₹ 94,100/-	22.03.2024 upto 4:00 pm	25.03.2024 after 3:00 pm
2.		BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE /3758/2023-24 Dated: 02.03.2024	₹ 32,16,016/- / ₹ 75,900/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-1)

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

3.	East-1	BWSSB/EE(East)-1/ PB/4202/2023-24 Dated: 29.02.2024	1.	₹ 28,96,143/- / ₹ 68,500/-	20.03.2024 upto 4:00 pm	22.03.2024 after 5:00 pm
4.			2.	₹ 59,98,344/- / ₹ 1,41,570/-		
5.			3.	₹ 29,22,444/- / ₹ 68,970/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-1)

Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

6.	RB-IT	BWSSB/EE(RB-IT) /970/2023-24 Dated: 05.03.2024 (2nd Call)	₹ 34,40,000/- / ₹ 68,800/-	16.03.2024 upto 4:00 pm	18.03.2024 at 11:00 am

Sd/- Executive Engineer (RB-IT)

7.	DE & PS	BWSSB/EDEPSTE/AE/ /1035/2023-24 Dated: 04.03.2024 (2nd Call)	₹ 71,16,000/- / ₹ 84,000/-	14.03.2024 upto 11:00 am	15.03.2024 after 11:15 am

Sd/- Executive Engineer (DE&PS)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

DIPR/4119/2023-24

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BANGARPET
web:bangarpettown.mrc.gov.in, Email id:itstaff_ulb_bangarpet@yahoo.co.in
phone:08153-253222

Sl.No:TMCBPT/Tech/T8/2023-24 Date:02.03.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Government of Karnataka KPP portal only)

As per Karnataka Transparency in the Public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 under Standard Tender documents Rules KW1, KW2, and KW3 the undersigned invites tenders in One and Two cover system for Eligible Contractors through KPP portal. The contractors may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Further details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned. **(1)** Last date & time for submission of tender **:11.03.2024, 17.00 hrs, (2)** Date & time of opening Technical bid: **13.03.2024, 11.00 hrs. (3) Date & Time of opening Finaccial bid: 16.03.2024 11.00 hrs.**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimate amount (Rs.in lakhs)	EMD (In Rupees)
1	DMA/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT16730	40.00	80000
2	DMA/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT16697	6.50	16250
3	DMA/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT16486	67.50	135000

Sd/-
(Smt.Rashmi U., KAS)
Tahsildar, Taluk Office and Administrator,
Town Municipal Council Bangarpet

Sd/-
(Meenakshi, KMAS)
Chief Officer Grade-I
Town Municipal Council Bangarpet

DIPR/KOLAR/R.O.No:391/KSMC&A/2023-24

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Revision of Electricity Tariff for
Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) for FY-25

In exercise of the powers conferred under sections 62, 64 and other provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has determined and notified the Distribution and Retail Supply tariff for BESCOM for Financial Year 2024-25 on 28.02.2024.

Tariff highlights are as under:

- The tariff determined in the Tariff Order 2024 dated 28.02.2024 shall come into effect for the electricity consumed **from the first meter reading date falling on or after 1st April 2024.**
- Significant reduction in tariff to Commercial, Industrial consumers & Domestic Consumers (consuming above 100 units per month):
  - LT Domestic Lighting: Energy Charges reduced by 110 paise per unit for consumption above 100 units.
  - HT Commercial: Energy Charges reduced by 125 paise per unit; Demand Charges reduced by Rs.10 per KVA.
  - HT Industrial: Energy Charges reduced by 50 paise per unit; Demand Charges reduced by Rs.10 per KVA.
  - HT Hospital & Educational Institutions: Energy Charges reduced by 40 paise per unit; Demand Charges reduced by Rs.10 per KVA.
  - HT private lift irrigation: Energy Charges reduced by 200 paise per unit.
  - HT Residential Apartments: Demand charges reduced by Rs.10 per KVA.
  - LT Pvt. Hospital & Educational Institutions: Energy Charges reduced by 50 paise per unit.
  - LT Industrial Installations: Energy charges reduced by 100 paise per unit.
  - LT Commercial Installations: Energy charges reduced by 50 paise per unit
- Time of the Day (ToD) introduced for morning peak-6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. in addition to the existing evening peak between 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- Special Incentive Scheme (SIS) is continued for the Financial Year 2024-25, with change in rate of incentive from Rs.2/- per unit to Rs.1/- per unit for night consumption. The other terms and conditions remain the same. The Commission further decides to withdraw the scheme from the Financial Year 2025-26 onwards.
- Discounted Energy Rate Scheme (DERS) at the rate of Rs.5.00 per unit for HT 2(a), HT2(b) and HT2(c) categories of consumers and LT Industrial & LT Commercial categories of consumers (having sanctioned load of 50 KW and above) has been continued until further orders.
- In view of introduction of single slab for Energy Charges, the LT consumers may avail multiple connections to their premises.
- To encourage use of electric vehicles, the Energy Charges for EV charging stations has been continued at reduced rate of Rs.4.50 per unit.
- To promote setting up of Data Centres in the State, industrial tariff is continued to Data Centres.
- In view of reduction of tariff to LT Industries, the Rebate for Micro and Small Scale Industries of 50 paise per unit is discontinued.
- Urban and rural categories were merged into one category in the previous Order. The rebate of 30 paise per unit is allowed only for LT commercial, LT Industries, LT Pvt. Hospitals & Educational Institutions in Village Panchayat Areas.
- To promote purchase and use of energy from Renewable Energy sources, green tariff of 50 paise per unit over and above the applicable tariff applicable to HT industries and HT commercial, is continued.
- Concessional tariff to BMRCL & Railway traction is continued.
- Detailed Tariff Order is available in the KERC website **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/133/tariff-order-2024/en.**

Sd/-Managing Director, BESCOM

For Electricity related complaints call: 1912
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MEENU Bhadauriya legally wedded spouse of No.7787193M Rank–Nk(MP) Name– Rahul Singh R/O Vill & Post–Kakahara Distt–Bhind Madhya Pradesh 477333 have changed my name from Meenu To Meenu Bhadauriya vide affidavit No. IN–KA43262820385931W Date–28.02.2024

I, SAJIDUNNISSA, Residing at Behind KGN School, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District-563125, today at Bengaluru, have changed my name to Sajid Unnissa, vide affidavit dated: 05.03.2024 before Notary M. Rajendra, Bengaluru.

BUSINESS OFFERS

The State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd.
Punalur, Kollam, Ph: 0475-2222251/52, 9188292251
www.sfckerala.com | Email: sfcksales@gmail.com

WANTED CENEX AGENTS

The Corporation intends to appoint Agents for canvassing orders for the sale of 60% Centrifuged Latex for the period 2024-25 on commission basis. The last date of submission is on 18.03.2024. For more details visit our website **www.sfckerala.com**
Sd/-, Managing Director

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASLAM Pasha, Residing at No. 24, East Street, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047, have changed my name to Shaik Aslam Pasha, vide affidavit dated: 05.03.2024 before Notary M. Rajendra, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE VIth ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT AT CHENNAI
H.M.O.P.No.2937 of 2023

K.Sudhakar ...Petitioner
-Vs-
V.Usha ...Respondent

To,
Mrs.V.Usha
D/o. Venkatesalu (Late)
No.160, 5th Cross Cauvery Road,
Near Fathima School, Udaya Nagar
Doorvani Nagar, Bangalore-560016
Karnataka State

Madam,

Please take notice that, when the above HMOP. No. 2937/2023, came up for hearing on 27/02/2024, before the Hon'ble VIth Additional Judge, Family Court, Chennai, Tamilnadu was pleased to order notice to you, through paper publication, returnable by 01/04/2024 Please take notice that if you do not appear on 01/04/2024 the matter will be heard and decided at your absence.

K.Sudhakar
Petitioner in person

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 3234/2023 (CCH-11)

Between : 1) Mrs. Soni Anand D/o. Sri. N.K. Anand, W/o. Shubhasish Bhattacharya Aged about 40 years
2) Mr. Subhasish Bhattacharya S/o. Sri. Subir Kumar Bhattacharya Aged about 42 years, Both the plaintiffs are residing at Present address at : Flat No. 505, Tower No. A-7, Gardenia Glory, Sector-46, Noida District, State of Uttar Pradesh-201 301
Permanent address : Flat No.21, 1st Floor, Soni Gardenia Rose Garden Road, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560 078. ...Plaintiffs

And : M/s. STSK Properties Pvt. Ltd. and others ...Defendants

NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO Defendants No.1, 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d)

1. M/s STSK Properties Pvt. Ltd. Office at: 195/6/2, 3rd Floor, Lavakusha Edifice, Bhartena Agrahara, Above M.G. Motors, Hosur Main Road, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100.
Represented by it's Managing Director **Mr. Shivakumar .K** & Other Authorized persons:
1a) Mrs. Geetha, 1b) Mr. Rehman, 1c) Mr. Kiran, 1d) Mrs. Meenakshi
Defendants No.1a to 1d all are working at M/s STSK Properties Pvt Ltd, Office at: 195/6/2, 3rd Floor, Lavakusha Edifice, Bhartena Agrahara, Above M.G. Motors, Hosur Main Road, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100.

Notice to the Defendants No.1, 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) u/o 5 rule 20 of CPC

Whereas, the above named Plaintiffs have filed the above suit against you and others for Ejectment in respect of Schedule Property. The above case is posted for your appearance **on 27.03.2024** Hence, you are hereby directed to appear before this Court on the said day **at 11.00 A.M.** either in person or through Counsel duly instructed.
Failing which, the above case will be heard and determined in your absence placing you as exparte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of property bearing **No. 11, Sy.No. 164/1, Property bearing No. Flat No. 21 Measuring 1200 sqft with tile flooring situated in the first Floor of Soni Gardenia, Khatha No. 1090/208/164/1/11 situated Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru.**

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 5th day of March 2024.

By Order of the Court,
Senior Sheristedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner :
VENUGOPALA .B., K.V. LOKESH,
B.V. Law Associates,
No. 159, 3rd Floor, 8th Main,
Near Viratnagar Circle, Viratnagar,
Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068.

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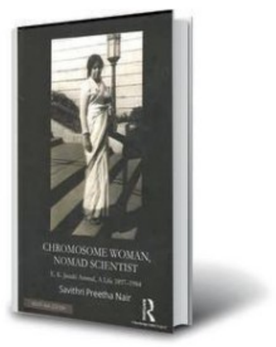
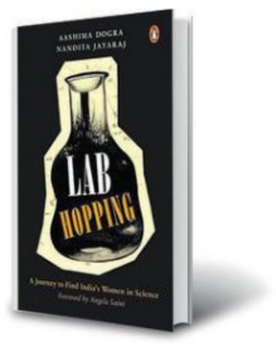
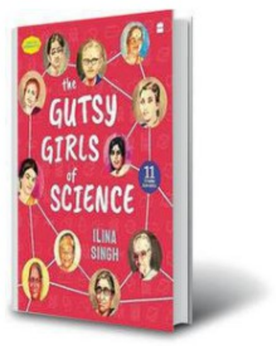






Remembering the forgotten women of science in India

On the eve of Women's Day, we look at books about women scientists across centuries who broke glass ceilings and left behind a meaningful legacy, calling for open, diverse and an egalitarian approach in science

Soma Basu

The Indian Academy of Sciences founded by physicist and Nobel Laureate C.V. Raman in Bangalore in 1934 has never had a woman scientist at the helm. The academy's statistics suggest women make up around 14% of India's working scientists; only 15% of faculty members in various research institutes across the country are women.

The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science & Technology given annually by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for notable research in biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics, medicine and environmental science, has been awarded to 571 scientists between 1958 and 2023. In the last 65 years, only 20 women scientists have received India's most prestigious science award – for the first time in 1961 and the last in 2020.

Prevalent biases

There are explicit and implicit biases against women in science. People think men are more suited to the subject and women are innately not interested. The Matilda effect shows the exodus of women from science as they remain under-appreciated for their achievements while suffering discrimination in perks, promotions and opportunities.

Science cannot be a monolith of men and their research alone. Yet women have to fight psychological pressures and systemic challenges in their scientific journey. British chemist Rosalind Franklin who contributed to the discovery of the structure of DNA in 1951 and astrophysicist Jocelyn Bell who discovered the first radio pulsars in 1967 went unrecognised during their careers. Rajinder Jeet Hans-Gill wore a turban and a boy's uniform in the mid-1950s to be allowed to study mathematics in a school in Punjab; biochemist Kamala Sohonie sat on a satyagraha so that IISc, Bangalore, would open its doors for women. Patriarchal oppression triggers a mindset that works against women but can a history of science be written based on a history of exclusion of women in science?

To examine the state of women scientists in India, Aashima Dogra and Nandita Jayaraj journeyed across science laboratories from Bhopal to Bhubaneswar and Bengaluru to Jammu in 2016. They engaged in thought-provoking interviews with young researchers and renowned scientists including Gagandeep Kang, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Rohini Godbole, Prajval Shastri Majumdar to explore why gender inequality haunts Indian science.

The outcome is a riveting book, *Lab Hopping: Women Scientists in India*, which provides a fresh perspective on breaking stereotypes, apathy and sexism. The authors make no bones about the mediocrity in Indian science due to the shameful lack of diversity. They say societal expectations of family and childcare from a woman makes science a matter of gender, compelling every woman scientist to constantly perform her gender at the cost of due recognition.

Giving due credit

The road map for the way out of this is to celebrate women scientists. The fact that the ISRO team of 'rocket women' who played a pivotal role in Chandrayan-II and III Moon missions were applauded would have inspired many budding scientists. There are publications that have documented the path breaking work of women scientists, and more needs to be done on this front.

Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous body under the Department of Science & Technology, has compiled a resource book profiling Indian women scientists with a timeline of their accomplishments from pre-Independence to present times. The unconventional paths these intrepid women pioneers tread is an eye-opener.

Another anthology of 100 women scientists, *Lilavati's Daughters: The Women Scientists of India*, edited by Ram Ramaswamy and Rohini Godbole, highlights the struggles and triumphs of women scientists and their under-representation – only a fraction of women pursue a PhD degree and even fewer become scientists. A renowned mathematician of the 12th century, Bhaskaracharya, made his brilliant daughter Lilavati solve problems in algebra, geometry and mathematics. Every woman scientist featured in the book is considered the inheritor of Lilavati's intellectual legacy and is a role model, say the authors. Anjana Chattopadhyay's *Women Scientists in India: Lives, Struggles and Achievements* exposes the neglect of women's contribution to science and how it impeded their careers even as they fought opposition in their homes, study and workplaces.

Gutsy Girls of Science by Ilina Singh celebrates the lives of cytogeneticist Archana Sharma, botanist E.K. Janaki Ammal, mathematician Raman Parimala, physicist Bibha Chowdhuri, chemist Asima Chatterjee and six other trailblazing women who fulfilled their scientific ambitions against all odds. The anecdotal narrative should encourage girls to carve out a successful career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

The life of Janaki Ammal

A 2020 Malayalam book took Nirmala James to various places associated with the firebrand E.K. Janaki Ammal, the first Indian woman to be awarded a PhD in botanical science in 1931. *In Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions*, James brings to light interesting insights about Janaki's extraordinary life, gleaned from her father's diary.

Savithri Preetha Nair got interested when she came across Janaki Ammal's name in the 1932 list of members of the Eugenics Society, London. Her's was the only Indian name till anthropologist L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer made it to the list 35 years later. In *Chromosome Woman, Nomad Scientist, a Life - 1897 to 1984*, Nair offers an archive-based expansive and analytical biography of the scientist and her research of sugarcane and hybrids, while facing sexism, casteism and racism. Nair says Janaki Ammal chose a nomadic path to shake off patriarchal shackles. Whenever she felt she could not operate within the regimented system dictated by rigid objectives set by males, she went off on excursions, visited sanctuaries and forests to do her research in solitude.

In *A Braided River: The Universe of Indian Women in Science* by Christopher Coley, Christie Gressel and Abhijit Dhillon, the writers explore how lack of diversity and the gender gap weaken science and its contribution to national development. Over the years, India has implemented initiatives to encourage girls and women in science, but the complex issue of assisting Indian women in their scientific careers persists with numerous visible and invisible barriers.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on R. Ashwin and his many milestones as he gears up for his 100th Test match

Soorya Prakash. N

QUESTION 1
Name the ground in which R. Ashwin played the most number of Test matches?

QUESTION 2
Name the ground in which Ashwin picked up the most wickets?

QUESTION 3
Ashwin has picked up 10 or more wickets in a Test match eight times and only twice outside India. Who was the opposition, in which ground and when?

QUESTION 4
Ashwin has scored five centuries. These centuries have been scored against two opponents. Who are they?

QUESTION 5
Ashwin has played against all but one top-10 Test playing nation. Which one?

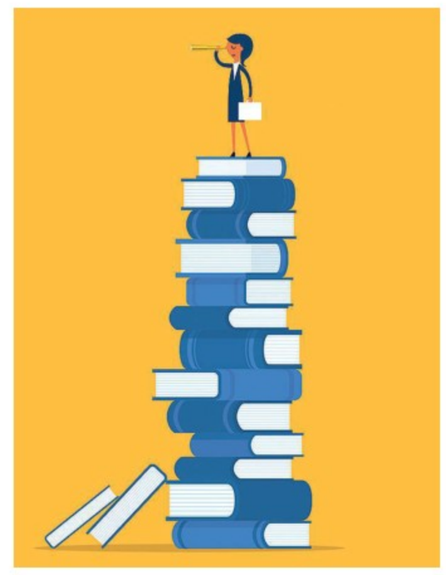
QUESTION 6
Ashwin has scored at least one fifty against all but two opponents against whom he has played. Who are they?

QUESTION 7
Ashwin has picked up at least one five-wicket haul in an inning against all but one opponent against whom he has played. Which one?

QUESTION 8
Ashwin has dismissed two batsmen more than 10 times. Who are they?

Visual question:
Name these two players and their connection to Ashwin's records. AFP, PTI

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: The year in which Márquez won the Nobel Prize in Literature. **Ans: 1982**
2. The then president of Colombia, called said this of Marquez. **Ans: "The greatest Colombian who ever lived"**
3. This is the fictional town from *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. **Ans: Macondo**
4. The name of the Colombian newscast that Márquez co-founded. **Ans: QAP**
5. This 1975 novel by Márquez is termed a 'dictator novel'. **Ans: *The Autumn of the Patriarch***
6. The title of the speech given by Márquez upon being awarded the Nobel Prize. **Ans: The Solitude of Latin America**
Visual: Name these two authors and their connection to Márquez. **Ans: Ernest Hemingway and William Faulkner. The two authors are often credited as having the greatest impact on Márquez**
Early Birds: Prashant Nain| Rajmohan. V| Animesh Mohan| Kamaldeep Kaur| Raju A.Gopal



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Mr. A. Sreerangan, S.S. College, Salem, wants to know the difference between 'somebody' and 'someone.'"

"There is no difference.

Somebody came to see you.

Someone came to see you.

'Somebody' is also used to mean 'a person of importance.' 'Someone' is not used in this sense.

Everybody who is somebody was present at the function."

"Mr. N. Nagender Rao, SBJ, Nalagonda, wants to know the meaning of 'blanket' in 'blanket permission.'"

" 'Blanket' here means 'covering all cases or classes,' 'general,' 'comprehensive.'

It was a blanket ban on all meetings."

"Mr. M. C. Haridas, Cooke Town, Bangalore, wants to know which is correct (a) curd (b) curds."

"Generally, it is used in the plural.

I like curds.

When it is used attributively, the singular is used. Curd rice. If you ask for 'curds' in the United States or Britain, you will be given 'yogurt.' This is the word that is used for 'curds'. You have different kinds of yogurt. Some are sour, some are sweet, some are mixed with fruit. It is also spelt 'yoghurt,' 'yoghourt.' 'Yoghurt' is a Turkish word."

"Mr. C. P. Ramaswamy, Sainikpuri, Hyderabad, wants to know the meaning of the expression 'hung parliament.'"

"A hung parliament is one where no party has a clear majority."

"Mr. R. Subramanian, Veereswaram, Srirangam, Tiruchi, writes: " 'Write the synonym of 'angelish." This is one of the questions in the Higher Secondary Examination (English I Paper) held in March 1991. Being unfamiliar with the word, I consulted many dictionaries but found no such word in any of them. At the valuation centres, the P.G. teachers were instructed through 'Key for English I Paper' that the synonym for 'angelish' are godly, saintly and holy! A cursory glance at the XII Std. English textbook reveals that the actual word used by the question paper setter is 'anguish' taken from 'The Man with the Scar' by Somerset Maugham (page 5). Negligence on the part of someone has resulted in this "bloomer.""

"This makes sad reading. It was 'devilish' to ask for the synonym of 'angelish.' 'Angelish' is yet to enter the dictionary! When it does, credit for the earliest entry will be given to the Education Department of Tamil Nadu. But there is 'angelic,' meaning 'kind, considerate or gentle.'"

"I am grateful to the readers for sending me their favourite palindromes. They are: Never odd or even; Step on no pets; Sit on a potato pan, Otis; Able was I ere I saw Elba; Rats live on no evil star; Was it a car or a cat I saw?; civic, deed, level, madam, Malayalam, noon, radar, refer, toot, Rajarajar, liril, redivider, rotator, bob, dad, eve, mum, nun, pop."

Published in The Hindu on May 7, 1991.

Word of the day

Refurbish:
make brighter and prettier

Synonyms: renovate, freshen up

Usage: *We are refurbishing the kitchen.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/refurbishrpo

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɹiːˈfɜːbɪʃ/

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UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE
Vishwavidyanilaya Karya Soudha, Crawford Hall, Mysuru-570 005

Tender Notification

(Only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka)
http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Tenders are invited from registered travel agencies for providing various vehicles on annual rate contract for a period of one year for the days required for office work of the University of Mysore tender No.UOM/2023-24/SE0012, Last date for submission of application i.e. on 16-03-2024 before 5.30 P.M. For more information you may visit Administrative Branch, Crawford Hall, University of Mysore, Mysuru-570005 or Contact No.0821-2419209.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1259/2023-24 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Shimoga.

I.F.T. No.: 16/2023-24 call-2 Date: 02.03.2024

SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR TENDERS KW-2

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shimoga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document KW-2 through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ from eligible contractors for 3 works coming under Soraba sub-division amounting from Rs. 45.00 lakhs to 50.00 Lakhs. Period of downloading tender documents from kppp portal: From 02.03.2024 to 11.03.2024 upto 11:00 hrs. Tender opening date at 11:15 hrs on 12.03.2024 Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.

DIPR/smg/No.01/03/23-24/KSMCA/1456

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga

Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga-577501

e-mail: zped_cta@yahoo.com zped.cta@gmail.com Ph: 08194-222372

No. P.R.E.D./CD/EE/TS/Tender/2023-24/2604 Date:05.03.2024

Tender Notice

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Short-Term Tender is invited for 04 works approved under various schemes in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga of Chitradurga District and Approx. Amount of Tender Minimum Rs. 75.00 lakhs, Maximum Rs. 300.00 lakhs and Tender is invited for total Rs. 375.00 lakhs and dates are as below:

Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the Tender 11.03.2024 : 11.00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of Tender 12.03.2024 : 16.00 Hrs. Date and time for opening Technical Bid 13.03.2024 : 16.02 Hrs.Date and time for opening Financial Bid 14.03.2024 : 16.03 Hrs.

For further information regarding the Tender (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or contact KPPP Helpdesk Phone no.: +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or phone no.: 08194-222372, Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga during office hours.

RO.No.657:DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2023-24 Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga

DEPARTMENT OF AYUSH
Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Siddaiah Puranika Road, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560079. Phone: 080-23359413, E-mail: ghmchprincipal@gmail.com

No: GHMCH/59/Supply/2023-24(2nd Call) Date: 28-02-2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION - (2nd CALL)
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Principal, Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Siddaiah Puranika Road, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru has invited bids for **Supply of Homoeopathics Medicines for Government Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru.**

Schedule of Events: **1)** Date of Tender Document Available in the e-Portal: **28-02-2024. 2)** Last Date to Upload the Tender Documents in the e-Portal: **14-03-2024 upto 5.30 PM. 3)** Last Date and Time for Submission of Sample: **15-03-2024 upto 5.30 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Online): **16-03-2024 at 11.30 AM. 5)** Tender Approximate Value per Annum: **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs. 6)** Tender Opening Place: **Office of the Principal Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Siddaiah Puranika Road, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru - 560079.** Prospective bidders willing to participate in this tender can download the bid documents with visiting the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Principal,
Tender Inviting Authority,
Government Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4123/Adverto/2023-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Division, Yelahanka Zone, Room no.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R .Square, Bangalore - 560 002.

No.: EE(QA/QC)/Yelahanka/TEND/20/23-24 Date: 06.03.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance / Quality Control division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons / firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below works through e-Procurement system by the Executive Engineer QA/QC, Yelahanka Zone BBMP.

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Providing PMC for Package 3: Restoration works and Drain Diversion and Other Sewage Improvement Works at Narasipura Lake Sy. No. 20, Narasipura Lake Sy. No. 26, Veerasagara Lake, Kogilu Lake, Kattigenahalli Lake and Yelahanka Lake. **EMD in Rs.: 50,000/-**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Tender Document may be downloaded through e portal form: **07.03.2024. (2)** Pre-bid Meeting: **12.03.2024** at **4.00 P.M**. Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC) R.No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560 002. **(3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **16.03.2024** up to **4:00 P.M. (4)** Opening of Technical bid: **18.03.2024** at **4:00 P.M.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
(QA/QC) Division, Yelahanka Zone

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102.
Phone No : 9448359013 E-mail: eeetpgescom@gmail.com

No: GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Tech)/EEE(Tech)/AEE-1(Tech)//AE-1(Tech)/2023-24/
Dt: 60237-62 Date : 05-03-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites bids from the eligible bidders for **"Creation of infrastructures for arranging power supply to anticipated applications for FY 2024-25 under Ganga Kalyan Schemes of various Corporations and Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes in rural areas of O&M Division, GESCOM Kalaburagi-2** (Bid Enq no:TP-056 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Kalaburagi Division-2 and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs. 691.22 Lakhs), **Sedam** (Bid Enq no:TP-057 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Sedam Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.425.45 Lakhs), **Yadgir** (Bid Enq no:TP-058 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Yadgir Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.664.56 lakhs), **Bidar** (Bid Enq no:TP-059 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Bidar Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.623.86 Lakhs), **Humnabad** (Bid Enq no:TP-060 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Humnabad Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.711.88 Lakhs), **Raichur Rural** (Bid Enq no:TP-061 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Raichur Rural Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.1175.00 Lakhs), **Sindhanur** (Bid Enq no:TP-062 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Sindhanur Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.1145.83 Lakhs), **Gangavathi** (Bid Enq no:TP-063/GK&WS /2023-24 /Gangavathi Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.388.23 Lakhs) and **Shorapur** (Bid Enq no:TP-064 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Shorapur Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.757.60 Lakhs) **under PTK Rate Contract Basis"** (Distribution Transformer will be supplied by GESCOM) for a period of 01 year, extendable by one more Year at the discretion of GESCOM.

The interested bidders may log on to Government Web Site Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after Dated:**07.03.2024.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer Elecy., Operation, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/962/KSMC&A/2023-24

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–ಃಃ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಃಃ–

ವಿಷಯಃ 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕೆಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಬಿ (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕುರಿತು.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಃ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂಃಕಾನಿಅ/ಲೋಇ/ಯಾವಿ/ ತಾಂಶಾ–1/2023–24/ 2510, ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 07–02–2024.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾದ 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕೆಕೆಆರ್‌ಡಿಬಿ (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂ: 7695 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ವೀಕರಣ ಕೋರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07–03–2024 ಸಮಯ 17.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11–03–2024 ಸಮಯ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12–03–2024 ಸಮಯ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ 4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14–03–2024 ಸಮಯ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ)

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿಃ 1)ಯಾವುದೇ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. 2)ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, 3rd Main Road,1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavana, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040.

No: EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/12/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover System)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, (Vijayanagara) BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/ KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Orgaizations for the constructions of work detailed in the table below. **(STD KW-3)**

Sl No.	Name of the work
1.	Renovation of Smt Indira Gandhi Badminton Indoor Stadium, Hampinagara in Ward No-148 (Others) Approx. value of work : ₹ 85.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹ 1,70,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the KPP portal GOK from **11.03.2024**. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **19.03.2024** upto **4:00** pm (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **14.03.2023** at **3:00** pm. (4) Last date for Receipt of Queries on **14.03.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (5) Technical bid for Two Cover & Financial Bid for Single Cover system will be opened on **20.03.2024** at **4:30** pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients Mr.Mohammed Sadique, son of Mr.Sultan Ahmed and Mrs.Nagma Sadique Wife of Mr.Mohammed Sadique had initiated arbitration proceedings against M/s.Ezzy White Field a partnership firm represented by its partners including Mr.Hisham Syed Tamiz and having their having its office at Grace Orbit, No.7/5,Clarke Road, Richards Town,Bengaluru-560005.and also against M/s.Aham Ventures Pvt.Ltd, represented by its Authorised Signatory Mr.B.R.Vinod, and having their office at, No.48, 3rd Floor, Hintananda-II, Lavelle Road, Bangalore-560001 seeking to enforce their rights under the Agreement of Sale dated 11.2.2019 executed by M/s. Ezzy White Field represented by its Partner Mr.Hisham Syed Tamiz in favour of our clients in respect of the Schedule property and the said Arbitration proceedings was numbered as A.C.No.286/2021 and in the said proceedings the learned Arbitrator Mr.D.Krishnappa, retired District Judge, has passed an award dated 7.3.2023 rejecting the claim made by our clients.

This is to bring to the notice of all the concerned that our clients have filed A.P.No.6/2023 in the court of the Hon'ble Principal District Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, challenging the aforesaid award dated 7.3.2023 under the provisions of section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. In the said proceedings, our clients have also filed an application for an order of temporary injunction restraining the Respondents therein, i.e., M/s.Ezzy White Field and its partners and also M/s.Aham Ventures Pvt.Ltd, from the specifications and facilities assured in the brochure issued by Respondents 1 to 4 in respect of the project "The Avenue" which was proposed to be constructed in Schedule A property and also from alienating or inducting any third parties in to the Schedule Property in any manner, and the said proceedings are still pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Court.

In the meanwhile, it has come to the notice of our clients that M/s.Ezzy White Field and its partners are dealing with the very same property and are trying to develop the same in the name and style "SCAV GRANDE", using the very same building plans that were issued in the year 2013 in respect of the project "The Avenue" on the existing construction already put up and by giving a false impression to all the persons that the project is a new project and suppressing the pending litigation initiated by our clients.

In the light of what is stated above, any person who are delaing with the Schedule property either with M/s.Ezzy White Field, or its partners including Mr.Hisham Syed Tamiz or with M/s.Aham Ventures Pvt.Ltd, would be doing so at their own risk and our clients will not be bound by any such trnasactions that may be entered into by any such persons in respect of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property formerly known as 'ROMA VILLA' and presently being vacant land measuring on extent of about 23334 sq.ft and the residential property formerly know as 'CLEOME' and presently measuring about 9150 sq.ft of vacant land as on date now bearing Municipal Khatha No.206/330, in all measuring an extent about 32,484 sq.ft of a composite and compact block of land situated at Whitefield Main Road, Whitefield, BBMP Ward No.84, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East By :Whitefield Main Road and Inner Circle Road.
West By : Private Property,
North By : Private Property bearing No.332
South By :Whitefield institution and WhitefieldMain Road

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

4.5% undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule 'A' property measuring about 1000 sq.ft in an undivided state has been agreed to be sold to the Petitioner under the agreement.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing Unit No.7 of Type 'A' on the 7th Floor measuring about 3596 sq.ft of super build up area and consisting of Four Bed Rooms with RCC roofing and other Specification as contained in the Annexure to the agreement or near equivalents thereto agreed to be sold to the Petitioners under the agreement together with the exclusive right to use and enjoy 431 sq.ft of terrace/balcony area attached to the apartment and three covered car parking spaces in the lower basement/upper basement/still level specifically earmarked for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the purchaser including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, etc., contained in the building complex known as "The Avenue" and now being marketed in the name and style **"SCAV GRANDE"** being constructed on the schedule 'A' Property.

A.MADHUSUDHANA RAO
No. 15, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 12th Cross, C.P. Layout, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560030
Ph: 080-41280935
Email: amriawassociates@gmail.com

Bangalore,
Date: 05-03-2024

BAGALKOT TOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BAGALKOT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Bagalkote Town Development Authority, Division No. 01, Bagalkote - 587 102. Phone : 08354 - 295372, E-mail : btdadn1@gmail.com

No. : EE/BTDA/Dn.01/PB-2/Tender Notification No.06/2023-24/3164 Date : 06-03-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 06

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

As per the tender procedure of KTPP Act, tenders are invited for works from registered eligible contractors pertaining to **Indent No. : 44, 45, 04, 50, 47, 46, 43 & 51 Call in Two Cover System. And Indent No. : 52 Call in Single Cover System.**

The intending Bidders for work details may login to Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and Submission of the Tender. The Tenders can be Submitted till 18-03-2024 up to 5.00 p.m. Technical Bids will be Opened on 19-03-2024 at 5.01 p.m. (if possible) and Financial Bids will be Opened on 20-03-2024 at 11.00 a.m. (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this Office in Person or Over Telephone Number : 08354 - 295 372.

Note : 1) Please note henceforth, the calendar of events published in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal is final, **2)** Please note henceforth, any changes in calendar of events Corrigendum / Addendum will be published in karnataka Public Procurement Portal only and will not be published in Newspaper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, BTDA, Division. No. 01, Bagalkote.

DIPR/Bagalkote/433/Manipal/2023-24

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ3:ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:21:2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.03.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ– 03 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ, 2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅನುದಾನ (ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ) 02 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ(ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್) , 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಜನರಲ್ ಬೇಸಿಕ್ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ)ನಲ್ಲಿ – 01 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್(3 ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ವಿದ್ಯುತ್/ನೀರುಸರಬರಾಜು) ರವರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಶಾಖೆಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08192 234444 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸೂಚನೆ : 1) ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮುಂದೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತವು ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. 2) ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಅದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 19.03.2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 20.03.2024 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 21.03.2024.ಸಮಯ : 17.30 ನಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 12.03.2024, ಸಮಯ: 17.00 ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 13.03.2024 ಸಮಯ 17.00 ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 14.03.2024 .ಸಮಯ : 17.30 ನಂತರ

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/684/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2023–24

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿ)
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

ODISHA ADARSHA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN
N-1/9, NAYAPALLI, PO. - SAINIK SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR - 751005

INDICATIVE ADVERTISEMENT NO. 01/2024

Recruitment to the posts of Principals and Teachers in the Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan in the State of Odisha.

Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS), under the School & Mass Education Department, Government of Odisha invites Online Applications from the prospective candidates for filling up 1342 posts of Principals and Teachers of different disciplines in Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas (OAVs) by direct recruitment. Interested candidates are required to apply online through website **www.oav.edu.in** at the link available on this website. The candidates should ensure that they fulfill the eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions stipulated in the advertisement before applying online for the posts. No other means / modes of submission of applications will be accepted. Interested applicants are advised to visit the website regularly for further instructions/ notice / updates in this regard.

IMPORTANT DATES

Opening Date for online registration of applications.	**01 / 04 / 2024**
Last Date for Completion of Online Registration.	**30 / 04 / 2024 17:00 Hrs**
Last Date of submission of Online Fee as applicable through Debit / Credit Card / Net Banking.	**02 / 05 / 2024 23:45 Hrs**

Sd/-
State Project Director, OAVS.

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ODISHA ADARSHA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN
N-1/9, NAYAPALLI, PO. - SAINIK SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR - 751005

INDICATIVE ADVERTISEMENT NO. 02/2024

Recruitment to the posts of Principals and Teachers in the Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan in the State of Odisha.

Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS), under the School & Mass Education Department, Government of Odisha invites Online Applications from the prospective candidates for filling up 44 posts of Principals and Teachers in Odisha Mining Adarsha Vidyalayas (OMAVs) by direct recruitment. Interested candidates are required to apply online through website **www.oav.edu.in** at the link available on this website. The candidates should ensure that they fulfill the eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions stipulated in the advertisement before applying online for the posts. No other means / modes of submission of applications will be accepted. Interested applicants are advised to visit the website regularly for further instructions/ notice / updates in this regard.

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Sd/-
State Project Director, OAVS.

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TUMAKURU SMART CITY LIMITED
ಕಛೇರಿ–2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ , ಐ.ಸಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣ, ಬಿ,ಹೆಚ್,ರಸ್ತೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು–572 103
Office-2nd Floor, Integrated Command and Control Center, SP Office Premises, B.H Road, Tumkuru - 572103 Phone : 0816–2278190
E-mail : smartcitytumakuru@gmail.com. website: www.smartcitytumakuru.in. CIN:U74999KA2017PLC099774
No:TSCL/Tender/CR/11/2023-24 Date: 04.03.2024

Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited from eligible Contractors for the following works of Tumakuru Smart City Limited. The eligible Contractors may apply by downloading the Tender Document through Karnataka Public Procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For more information contact Smart City Office number 0816-2278190

Name of the Work: 1. Enhancement of CCTV for Locked House monitoring System, Tumakuru, Amount put to tender: 0.21Cr, EMD Rs. 42,000. ast date for bid submission: 13.03.2024 Bid opening Date: 14.03.2024

Note: Any change of date and other information will be notified only in kpp portal and no further publications in Newspaper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Tumakuru Smart city Limited Tumakuru.

DIPR/TUM/616/KSMCA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Koppal.

No/E.E/MID /Koppal/Corrigendum/2023-24/885
Dated: 05.03.2024

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: - This office tender notification No :761 Dated: 01.03.2024

Adverting to the above cited reference, the tender conditions/documents pertaining to the above tender notification may please be read as follows.

As Notified Earlier: Name of Work: SURVEY, INVESTIGATION, DESIGNS,DRAWINGS AND ESTIMATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PATHWAY, FENCING AND PERIPERY WALL FOR AAM TALAB TANK IN RAICHUR CITY IN RAICHUR DISTRICT. **Now To be Read as: Name of Work:** IMPROVEMENTS TO AAM TALAB TANK IN RAICHUR CITY IN RAICHUR DISTRICT.

As Notified Earlier: The tender documents can be downloaded from : 04-03-2024. **Now To be Read as:** The tender documents can be downloaded from : 05-03-2024

As Notified Earlier: Last date for submission of completed tender documents.: 12.03.2024 up to 17.30 Hours. **Now To be Read as:** Last date for submission of completed tender documents: 13.03.2024 up to 17.30 Hours

As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: 14.03.2024 , 11.00 Hours. **Now To be Read as:** Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: 15.03.2024 , 11.00 Hours

As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: 15.03.2024 , 11.00 Hours. **Now To be Read as:** Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: 16.03.2024 , 11.00 Hours

All other terms and conditions of the Original tender notification remain unchanged

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/525/KSMCA/2023-24

A BG-BGE

'Bahuroopi 2024' to get under way today

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Rangayana is all set to host the Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival, which will get off to a start here on Thursday.

Festive mood has spread across the premier theatre repertory which will be the cynosure of all eyes with theatre enthusiasts thronging the place to witness plays, listen to experts and resource persons, visit expos and book fairs and so on. The festival brings theatre productions from across the country besides folk performances, film festivals, book shows, exhibitions, and other events till March 11.

As part of the theatre festival, Janapada Sambrama began at Kindarajogi Vedike which was inaugurated by folk singer M. Mahadevaswamy. Sixteen folk troupes will be performing at the festival at Kindarajogi Vedike. Notably, Yakshagana artists will also be giving their performances at the show.

Noted poet and writer Jayanth Kaikini will inaugurate this year's festival on Thursday evening. The theme of the festival is based on 12th century social reformer Basaveshwara's vachana "Eva Nammava Eva Nammava" (we are one).

Rangayana's theatre festival is among Mysuru's premier annual theatre shows that has been happening for the last 23 years. This year plays from Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai, Kolkata, Manipur, Kerala, and Maharashtra will be staged. In total, 10 Kannada plays and one Tulu play will be staged at the festival.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients Mr. Madhusudhana .K.P and Mr. Naveen Prakash intends to acquire the land described in the Schedule below from (1) Sri M. DHARMESH RAMESH SHAH, Son of Ramesh J Shah, aged about 45 Years, AADHAAR UID No.4996-5018-2414, a permanent resident at Apartment No.CRE003, 2003, Crescent Court, Tower - 03, Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida - 201301 & (2) Sri. VIKAS RAMESH SHAH, Son of Ramesh J Shah, aged about 40 Years, AADHAAR No.7728-4904-1363, a permanent resident at Tower 5, 74, Pebble Bay Apartments, RMV Second Stage, Near Dollars Colony, Bengaluru - 560 094 as they claim/represent that they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the land free from any encumbrance/s, charge/s, claim/s, demand/s or litigation/s.

Any Person/s claiming any right, title, or interest in or upon the Schedule land and/or having any objection to the sale transaction, may lodge their objection/s supported by contingent documents with the undersigned or my clients Mr. Madhusudhana.K.P and Mr. Naveen Prakash WITHIN SEVEN (07) DAYS from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection/s is/are received within the said period, my clients would go ahead and purchase the Schedule land deeming that there is/are no claim/s or objection/s of whatsoever and from whomsoever.

: SCHEDULE LAND :

ALL THAT piece and parcel of property bearing Kannamangala VP Khata No.334/49/4, Property No.150300200401121491 measuring 6373.74 Square meters i.e., 1 Acre 23 Guntas (earlier being residentially converted Survey No. 49/4, Old Sy No.49/1) situated at Ilthore Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, which is bounded on: East by : Jogihalli Village Gadi and Road, West by : Sy No. 50, North by : Sy No. 48, and South by : Sy no. 49/1.

From : V. C. Chandan, Advocate
LEGAL EYES, Advocates & Solicitors,
No.892, 'Prathama', 8th A Main Road,
3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar,
Bengaluru, Bengaluru - 560 079.
Contact Nos. +91-90-360-5454
+91-9900838896
Date: 07/03/2024, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WORLD BANK PROJECT DIVISION, CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR.
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.11/2023-2024

Online Tender (e-tender) in Form B-1 for the 01 work is invited by the Exccutive Engineer, World Bank Project Division, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Tell No. 0240-2331342 through online procedure. The blank tender forms shall be issued by Executive Engineer, World Bank Project Division, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar through e-tender procedure.

Right to reject any one or all tenders are reserved, details of tender is available on e- tender site given below.

https://mahapwd.gov.in
https://mahatenders.gov.in
If any change made in this e-tender is informed on above portal.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
World Bank Project Division
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

DGIPR/2023/2024/9324

GOVERNOR`S SECRETARIAT
JHARKHAND, RANCHI-834008
Tel - 0651 - 2283465, 2283467, 2283466, Fax - 0651 – 2284870
E-mail – jhrgov@jhr.nic.in, www.rajbhavanjharkhand.nic.in

ADVERTISEMENT

Inviting online application for the post of Vice Chancellor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa.

The office of Chancellor invites online application from interested eligible candidates having scholarly pursuit, academic interest, administrative ability and other desired qualifications for the post of :-

1. Vice Chancellor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa.

All the instructions and link regarding submission of online application are available on website having URL www.rajbhavanjharkhand.nic.in or, Chancellor Portal (www.jharkhanduniversities.nic.in).

PR 321790 (Governor) 23-24 (D)

Governor Secretariat

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN that, my client intend to purchase the property which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder from Smt. Madhu Malhotra & Sri. Yuraj Kanwar Malhotra., both Residing at # Flat No. 1602, Raheja Classique 2-A, New Link Road, Andheri West, Next to Infinity Mall, Mumbai-400053.

Any person claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client in writing within 15 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of vacant site bearing No. 34, BBMP Katha No. 2289/2247/34, GKVK Layout, in BBMP Ward No. 4 (Yelahanka Satellite Town), carved out in Sy.No. 105/3 and 108/2 of Allalasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk in the layout formed by UAS Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., and measuring East to West : 42 + 40 / 2 Feet and North to South : 60 Feet in all about measuring 2460 Sq.ft along with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and is bounded on : **East by :** 40 feet Road, **West by :** House Site No. 35, **North by :** House Site No. 33, South by : **30 Feet Road.**

R. Satish, Advocates
#17, V.S. Road, Kumara Park West,
Bangalore-560 020. Ph: 9448081868
Bangalore. Date: 06.03.2024

0.5, R 20 (1-A)
(Summons through newspaper advertisement)
IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VII ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, AT BENGALURU
OS. No. 1129/2022
NEXT DATE 06/04/2024
Smt.G.V.Sujatha & Ors Vs Sri. Shivaramaiah

SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SUIT

To,
Sri. Shivaramaiah,
S/o Late Sri. Bhimanna, Proprietor Ramadhootha Enterprises, No.180/1, M.R.Complex, Mutthanalluru Circle, Sarjapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560125

Whereas, the Plaintiffs, (1) Smt.G.V.Sujatha alias Sunanda, W/o. Sri.Venkataramana Reddy, D/o Late Sri. Venkat Reddy @ Pillappa (2) Smt.G.Charitha D/o. Sri.Venkataramana Reddy, W/o Sri.Prasad Reddy (3) Sri.G. Sandeep Reddy S/o. Sri.Venkataramana Reddy, (4) Smt.G.V.Vinutha W/o. Sri.Nagaraju D/o Sri.Venkataramana Reddy, (5) Smt.G.N. Prathima, D/o. Sri. Nagaraju, No.1 to 5 are residing at House No.65, Laddigam Village, Chadalla Post, Chowdepalli Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, have instituted above suit against you for cancelation of GPA dated 29/06/2009 registered as Document No.VRT-4-00075/2009-10, stored in CD No.VRTD47, registered on 02/07/2009 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore and directing the Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore to register the revocation of said GPA in their office and for consequential reliefs, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions, **on the 06/04/2024, at 11 clock** in the forenoon, to answer the claim and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of you appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.100/1** (Old Sy No.100), measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 28 Guntas plus 0.02.08 (two and half) Guntas Kharab land; Situated at **Kachamaranahalli village, Varthur Hobli, presently Bengaluru East taluk, formerly Bengaluru south Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on :

East by : Property belonging to Mulluru Thimmarayappa; West by : Property belonging to Muniyamma; North by : Property belonging to G.M.Srinivasa Reddy, South by : Property belonging to Mulluru Venkataswamy;

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 29th day of February, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
SNN ASSOCIATES & ADVOCATES
No.248, 2nd Floor, 10th Main,
100 Feet Road, HRBR Layout,
Kaylan Nagar, 1st Block, above
Canara Bank, Bangalore-560043

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. BMDBMWBWT2024 Dated: 29.02.2024 & BMDBMWHUP2024 Dated: 29.02.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

SL	Name of Works	Approx. Value
1	Collection and disposal of Bio-medical waste at Railway Health Unit, Bangarapet as per the norms of KSPCB / CPCB for a period of two years (24 months) on weekly basis for an approximate weight of 33kg/month.	Rs. 1,34,400/-
2	Collection and disposal of Bio-medical waste at Railway Health Unit, Hindupur as per the norms of APPCB / CPCB for a period of two years (24 months) on weekly basis for an approximate weight of 23kg/month.	Rs. 1,07,520/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11:00 hrs. of 01.04.2024

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Medical Superintendent
Bengaluru

PUB/724/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum-3 to Tender notice No. CAO/CN/BNC /58/2023 Dated: 09-08-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Construction of New Broad Guage Line Track Between Hirekotangal (Excl.115500) and Mamadapur (Excl.155000) (39.5 km) under Ginigere-Raichur New Line Project (165.57km) including Signalling, Telecommunication & Electrical Works. **(Tender Ref. No: HIREKOTANGAL-MAMDAPUR-EPC)**	Rs. 752,19,45,242/-

Existing Date of Closing:
Up to 11:00 hrs. of 15.03.2024
Revised Date of Closing:
Up to 11:00 hrs. of 31.05.2024

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction Works/Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/723/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that we intend to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder, from its owners **Shri.Naresh Kotak, Director, M/s Erumelivasan Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd,** Sapt Building 18, J.N.Heredia Marg, Ballards Estate Mumbai-400 001.

ALL PERSONS having any claim in respect thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, charge, trust, attachments, inheritance, possession, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are requested to inform the same in writing to the undersigned having their office at No. 305, 3rd Floor, M/s Law Links, Sophia's Choice, St.Marks Road, Bangalore: 560 001, within **5 days** from the date hereof failing which, the persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and the transfer shall be completed.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing no.115,BBMP, (Khatha no.76-19-12/18) measuring 797 sq ft in the First Floor, without parking space in the multi storied building known as "Richmond Towers", Richmond Road, Bangalore 560 025, with its fixture, and fittings, along with sanitary, water (BWSSB) and electricity (BESCOM) connections and bounded as follows

North by : Common Area
South by : Unit no. 116
East by : Unit no. 114 and common corridor
West by : Common Area

Adv. C.V. Siju, M/s. LAW LINKS,
305, 3rd Floor, Sophia's Choice,
St.Marks Road, Bangalore-1.
E-mail-advcvsiju@gmail.com,
9845062318/9902062318.

बनारस रेल इंजन कारखाना, वाराणसी–221004

बिड संख्याः ई–113 / 2023–24 **ई–निविदायें** दिनांकः 04.03.2024

भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए एवं उनकी ओर से निम्नलिखित वस्तुओं की आपूर्ति हेतु ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। केवल ई–प्रस्ताव ही स्वीकार्य है, जिनके लिए वेंडर का क्लास III का डिजिटल सिग्नेचर एवं IREPS पर पंजीकरण आवश्यक है। निविदाओं का विवरण निम्न क्रम से हैः– क्र.सं.– निविदा संख्या, (खुलने की तिथि), विवरण और मात्रा। **क्र.सं.:– 1.** 10231045B (09/04/2024), डेवलपमेंटल टेंडर फॉर लॉक स्प्रिंग सीट पार्ट सं. 16241629, 1280 अदद **2.** 10231041D (03/04/2024) डेवलपमेंटल टेंडर फॉर किट हार्डवेयर – फोर्करोड पार्ट सं. 16210542, 640 अदद **3.** 10231048B (10/04/2024) डेवलपमेंटल टेंडर फॉर एग्जॉस्ट वाल्व ब्रिज असेंबली पार्ट सं. 16040132, 960 अदद **4.** 10221196C (01/04/2024) डेवलपमेंटल टेंडर फॉर पिस्टन रिंग सेट पार्ट सं. 16030618, 480 सेट **5.** 10231902B (10/04/2024) डेवलपमेंटल टेंडर फॉर बाउल बाई पास साइट ग्लास पार्ट सं. 16241381, 60 अदद **6.** 10231962A (10/04/2024) डेवलपमेंटल टेंडर फॉर रिटेनर बेयरिंग पार्ट सं. 16150107, 1119 अदद **7.** 10231864/A (12/04/2024), लिंक एडजस्टर, पार्ट सं. 16130080, 124 अदद **8.** 10231338/B (02/04/24), बोल्ट–मेन बेयरिंग, पार्ट सं. 16141593, 163 अदद **9.** 10231887/B, (12/04/2024), क्रैब इंजेक्टर, पार्ट सं. 16130339, 238 अदद **10.** 10231335/A (22/03/2024), हाउसिंग वॉटर पंप, पार्ट सं. 16120930, 554 अदद **11.** 06231221, (02/04/2024), डायनैमिक ब्रेकिंग ग्रिड, फैन टैप & नॉन फैन टैप कनसिस्टिंग ऑफ 52 आइटम्स ऐज पर ड्राईंग नं. 18011378 अल्ट निल टू पार्ट नं. 18011378, मात्रा 01 सेट **12.** 06231087A (18/04/2024), कैरियर असेम्बली मूवेवल कॉन्टैक्ट ऐज पर ड्राईंग नं. 8276115 स्पेक नं. ड्राईंग नं. 8276115 टू पार्ट नं. 18140166, मात्रा 34 अदद **13.** 06221282E, (01/04/2024), हाउसिंग असेम्बली टू कॉन्टैक्ट स्टेशनरी ऐज पर ड्राईंग नं. 8373523 स्पेक न. ड्राईंग नं. 8373523 टू पार्ट नं. 18140245, मात्रा 14 अदद **14.** 06231234, (11/04/2024), रजिस्टर एएसएम ऐज पर ड्राईंग नं. 8429166 अल्ट b टू पार्ट नं. 18300352 मात्रा 53 अदद **15.** 06231086A, (28/03/2024), पोस्ट असेम्बली कॉन्टैक्ट ऐज पर ड्राईंग नं. 8435874 स्पेक नं. ड्राईंग नं. 8435874 टू पार्ट नं. 18140178, मात्रा 42 अदद **16.** 06231084B, (18/04/2024), कैरियर असेम्बली पोस्ट प्लेट ऐज पर ड्राईंग नं. 8326499 स्पेक नं. ड्राईंग नं. 8326499 टू पार्ट नं. 18140180, मात्रा, 54 अदद **17.** 07231055, 21.03.2024, पार्ट संख्या 80011524, इडिबल कोकोनट ऑइल मात्रा 3500 लीटर. **18.** 07221177C, 15.03.2024, पार्ट संख्या 18540090, सिलिकॉन रबर कम्पाउन्ड, मात्रा 204.95 कि.ग्रा. **19.** 07241006, 22.03.2024, पार्ट संख्या 17270595, सिलेन्ट सिलिकॉन रबर, मात्रा 3300 लीटर. **शुद्धिपत्रः– 20. डेवलोपमेंटल निविदा सं.** 09231319ए **बिड संख्या.** ई–90/2023-24, **रिविजन** 02, **वर्तमान खुलने की तिथि** 29/02/2024, **संशोधित खुलने की तिथि** 25/03/2024 **21. डेवलोपमेंटल निविदा सं.** 09231318सी **बिड संख्या.** ई–103/2023-24, **रिविजन** 01, **वर्तमान खुलने की तिथि** 29/02/2024, **संशोधित खुलने की तिथि** 27/03/2024 **22. डेवलोपमेंटल निविदा सं.** 09231325ए **बिड संख्या.** ई–90/2023-24, **रिविजन** 02, **वर्तमान खुलने की तिथि** 29/02/2024, **संशोधित खुलने की तिथि** 27/03/2024 **23. डेवलोपमेंटल निविदा सं.** 09231324सी **बिड संख्या.** ई–103/2023-24, **रिविजन** 01, **वर्तमान खुलने की तिथि** 29/02/2024, **संशोधित खुलने की तिथि** 28/03/2024 **नोटः** उपरोक्त सभी निविदाओं की अन्य शर्तें अपरिवर्तित रहेंगी। उक्त निविदाओं का विस्तृत विवरण **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** और **www.ireps.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
GEM NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai-625016 for and behalf of The President of India invites Online tenders in Two Packet system from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GEM) portal. The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the GeM Portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

GeM Bid No.: GEM/2024/B/ 4732283 Dt. 05.03.2024

Name of the work: Eddy Current Array (ECA) testing of Wheel sets of LHB Coaches of MDU Division for a period of two years

Place of Work	Value of the work (₹)	EMD (₹)	Tender closing date
MDU, RMM, TEN,TN	77,99,328/- (including GST @18%)	1,55,990/-	14.00 Hrs on 26.03.2024

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at **"http://www.gem.gov.in"**.

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IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH - 11)
P & SC No. 142 / 2024

BETWEEN:

1) **SMT. NIRMALA S KUMAR,** D/o Late Sri. C Rajasekharan, W/o S. Srikumar, Aged about 63 years, Residing at No.1291, 9th Cross, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560098

2) **SMT. PARIMALA THYAGARAJ,** D/o Late Sri. C Rajasekharan, W/o M.R. Thyagaraj, Aged about 61 years, Residing at No.236, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Near Canara Bank, ISRO Layout, Bengaluru – 560 078

3) **SMT. SHYAMALA MURALIDHARAN,** D/o Late Sri. C Rajasekharan, W/o of Kasinathan Muralidharan, Aged about 59 years, Residing at 13896, Lewis Mill Way, Chantilly, VA 20151 – 2324, United States of America, Represented by her SPA Holder Smt. Parimala Thyagaraj

4) **SRI. R. VIJAYA SHEKAR,** S/o Late Sri. C Rajasekharan, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No.924, Kantharaj Urs Road, Lakshmipuram, Mysore – 570 004, Represented by her SPA Holder Smt. Parimala Thyagaraj

5) **SMT. USHA RAJ SWAMINATHAN,** D/o Late Sri. C Rajasekharan, W/o Swaminathan Doraiswamy, Aged about 50 years, Residing at No.4545, Portsmouth LN, Cumming, GA, 30041 – 5842, Forsyth, United States of America **.... PETITIONERS**

AND:
NIL .... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named has made Petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Succession Certificate in favor of the Petitioner No.2, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late Sri. C. Rajasekharan who expired on 09.05.1983.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader, duly instructed, **on 08.04.2024 at 11:00 AM** to show cause against the Petitioners, failing which the Petition will be heard and declared ex parte.

SCHEDULE
SHARES HELD IN THE NAME OF LATE SRI. C.RAJASHEKHARAN

Share Name	No. Shares	Folio/Warrant/ ISIN No.	Market Value in Rupees (per share)
ITC Limited	70,200	18/01987	406.9
ITC Limited	20,160	18/10218	406.9
East India Hotels Limited	1,071	61305	404.65
Kothari (Madras) Limited	40	340607	139.95
Kothari (Madras) Limited	80	637822	139.95
Tata Power Company Limited	10	HSC 10064	372.95
Southern Patrochemical Industries Corporation Limited	500	R000932	88.55
Ambala Sarabai Enterprises Limited	120	C13689	54.07
Caprihans India Limited	50	CIC00522	179.95
Caprihans India Limited	20	C00522	179.95
Kulkarni Power Tools Limited	100	C-0103	508.9

BANK DEPOSITS IN THE NAME OF LATE SRI. C.RAJASEKHARAN

Bank Name	Type of Account	Account No.	Value in Rupees
Corporation Bank, Mysuru	Savings Account	01/010144	4,82,245.39/-

UNITS HELD IN UNIT TRUST OF INDIA BY LATE SRI. C. RAJASEKHARAN

No. of Units	Certificate No.	Market Value in Rupees (per unit)
500	38011301294	14.55

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this **4th day of March 2024.**

Advocate for Petitioner
Address for Service:
Pragati Law Chambers
#5A, Bharat Apartments
44/1 Fairfield Layout,
Race-Course Road,
Bangalore - 560 001.

By Order of the Court,
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bangalore

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SCHEDULE
SHARES HELD IN THE NAME OF LATE SMT. R. PREMAKUMARI

Share Name	No. Shares	Folio/Warrant/ ISIN No.	Market Value in Rupees (per share)
J.K. Industries Limited	67	709468	527
J.K. Industries Limited	225	705337	527

UNITS HELD IN UNIT TRUST OF INDIA BY LATE SMT. R. PREMAKUMARI

No. of Units	Certificate No.	Market Value in Rupees (per unit)
1000	38711361064	14.55
400	3039351044599	14.55
400	303940090092688	14.55
200	303940090092689	14.55
100	100303970200081264	14.55
40	303970200081265	14.55
40	30397020008126	14.55

BANK DEPOSITS IN THE NAME OF LATE SMT. R. PREMAKUMARI

Bank Name	Type of Account	Account No.	Value in Rupees
Mysore Merchant Cooperative Bank Limited, Mysore	Savings Account	2002030100006111	73,785/-
Bank of Baroda, Mysore	Savings Account	73820100000151	69,324.25/-
Corporation Bank, Mysore	Savings Account	01/010159	10,340.65/-
ICICI Bank, Indiranagar, Bengaluru	Savings Account	016901511427	6,29,417.94/-
Post Office, K.R. Mohalla	Savings Account	4136329752	670/-

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this **4th day of March 2024.**

Advocate for Petitioner
Address for Service:
Pragati Law Chambers
#5A, Bharat Apartments
44/1 Fairfield Layout,
Race-Course Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

By Order of the Court,
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bangalore

Bharat Bank
Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd
Multi-State Scheduled Bank

No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027, Tel No. 080-22127203 / 22121066 / 22291942

AUCTION NOTICE - AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

WHEREAS

Sealed Offers/Tenders are invited from the public/intending bidders for purchase of below said immovable mortgaged properties on **"As is where is basis and as is what is basis"** which is now in the physical possession of the Authorised Officer of **Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.,** as per section 13 (4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor :	**Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.** **Registered Office :** Mohan Terrace, 1st Floor, 64/72, Mody Street, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001 **Central Office :** Marutagiri, Plot No. 13/9A, Sonawala Road, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063. (Tel : 6189 0088 / 6189 0134).

Sl. No.	NAME & ADDRESS OF THE MORTGAGOR / BORROWERS / SURETIES	OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT	(a) PROPERTY DESCRIPTION & (b) ENCUMBRANCES KNOWN TO THE BANK & (c) PENDING COURT CASES	i. Reserve Price, ii. EMD iii. Last Date & Time for Submitting of Bid / Offers iv. Date & Time & Place of Opening Tender
1.	**Branch : Goregaon West** **Mr. Sanjeet Vijaykumar Raut S/o. Mr. Vijay Kumar Pandurang Raut** Flat No.502, Veena Vihar, Datta Mandir, Dahanukarwadi, Kandivali(W), Mumbai- 400 067. **Having office address at: M/s. Parth Constructions Pvt Ltd.,** 258, Rajini Gandha, Garden Apartment, 21st Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru-560 001. **Sureties:** **1.Mr.Rohit Ravikant Gawde** 616,Sukhsagar CHS Ltd, Rajabhao Desai Road,Prabhadevi, Mumbai-400 025. **2.Mr. Prasanna Vijaykumar Raut** B/4,VeenaVihar, Datta Mandir Road, Dahanukar Wadi, Kandivali(West), Mumbai-400 067.	**Rs.92,30,004/- due as on 26.02.2024 under Term Loan Account No. 003633310001253 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any**	**a) Flat No. 202,** in the 2nd Floor, measuring **1340 Sq.Ft** Super Built up area containing of 2 Bedrooms, hall, dining and Kitchen with proportionate common area and facilities, together with one Car parking bearing No.04 in the Stilt floor of the building constructed in multistoried building known as **'PARTH KRISTAL'**, constructed over property bearing Corporation No.41 & 41/1,Ward No 80, situated at Devaraj Mudaliar Street, Bharathinagar, Bangalore-560042, land measuring 13932sq.ft & 450sq.ft respectively along with 3.67% undivided share in the land(which is equivalent to 528sq.ft in the said land area)owned by **Mr. Sanjeet Vijaykumar Raut, S/o Late Vijay Kumar Pandurang Raut** and building bounded by :**East: Shree Complex, West,: Private Property, North : Property belongs to Narayan Chetty Garden, South : Road, b) NIL & c) NIL**	**(i) Rs.56,70,000/-,** **(ii) Rs.5,67,000/-** **(iii) 25.03.2024 at 05.00PM at No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027** **(iv) 26.03.2024 at 11.00AM at No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027**
2.	**Branch : Udupi** **Principal Borrower** **Mr.Prem Prasad Shetty, S/o.Mr.Jayaram Shetty** Prarthanashree, Krodashrama, Thenkanidiyoor, Udupi 576 106 **Having Business Addresses at:** C/o.M/s.Unnathi Career Academy Ashachandra Trade, "Kinfratech Spaces", 2nd Floor, PPC 1st Cross Road, Udupi-576101.	**i. Rs.40,94,010/-** as on 04.03.2024 under Term Loan Account No. 003233510065831 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any. **ii. Rs.35,64,562/-** as on 08.02.2024 under Asset Backed Loan Account No. 003233540000039 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any.	**a. (i)** Office/Unit No.4706, as per the development scheme, sanctioned by the Corporation of the City Bangalore, vide L.P.E./N.E./914/75-76 dated 11.07.1975 periodically revalidated being the Office Space bearing No.4706, admeasuring 537 sq.ft. built up area on the 7th Floor, BBMP PID No.77-111-45/2-86 in the multistoried Building known as **"High Point IV",** constructed on converted land bearing property No.45 & 45/2,Palace Road (Millers Road Index), Bengaluru earlier known as 'Ring Wood' or 'Laleshar' and now known as **'High Point',** land admeasuring 49.27 meters on the East, 102.193+70.36 meters on the North, 80.41 meters on the West and 114.22 meters on the South, within the Registration Sub District of Gandhinagar, Near Chalukya Hotel, Palace Road, Bengaluru -560 001 alongwith undivided right over said land to the extent of 5.40/2300 shares i.e.258 sq.ft on land or 24 sq.mtrs, and one and half part of depth of ceiling, floors and walls common to the other flats, including the whole of the eternal walls and walls, abutting common areas, common entrance foyer, common corriders in all floors, staircase etc and the building and bounded by : **East :** Palace Road, **West :** Property bearing portion of Plashewydd, **North:** Properties known as Hazelmere and Hotel Chalukya, **South :** Property known as Sandringhm. **c) SA No.622/2022 before DRT-I,Bengaluru, WP No.19270/2023 before High Court of Karnataka**	**(i) Rs. 1,00,00,000/-** **(ii) Rs. 10,00,000/-** **(iii) 25.03.2024 at 05.00 PM at No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027** **(iv) 26.03.2024 at 11.30 AM at No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027**
3.	**Branch : Udupi** **Principal Borrower:** **1. M/s.Unnathi Career Academy** **Regd office:** No.483, 4th Floor, Sathya Lakshmi Square,CMH Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038 **Business Address:** Ashachandra Trade Centre, Kinfratech Spaces, 2nd Floor, PPC, 1st Cross Road, Udupi 576 101. **Partners & Joint/Co-Borrower :** **2. Mr.Prem Prasad Shetty, S/o.Mr.Jayaram Shetty** **3. Mrs.Poornima Ganesh Shetty, W/o.Mr.Prem Prasad Shetty** Both are Residing at: Prarthanashree, Krodashrama, Thenkanidiyoor, Udupi 576 106	**i. Rs.54,15,562/-** as on 29.02.2024 under Cash Credit No. 003213100000374 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any. **ii. Rs.24,78,951/-** as on 08.02.2024 under Term Loan Account No. 003233510066618 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any.	**AND** **a (ii) Site No.16, House List No.34** of converted **Survey No.142** vide its conversion order No.ALN.SR.134/2008-09 dated 18.02.2009 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikka Ballapur District in the layout known as "The Calfornia Country" situated at **Amanipurna Sagarekere (Ramaganaparthi New Extension, 2nd Block, Doddapailagurki Village Panchayat), Kasaba Hobli, Taluk & District Chikkaballapur,** measuring East to West :15.24 meters and North to South :24.38 meters in all total measuring 371.55 sq.meters (3397.80sq.ft) and bounded by : **East :** Site No.B/17, **West :** Site No.B/15, **North :** Site No.B/7, **South :** 12 Mtr.Road/Layout Road. **(b) NIL, & (c)WP No.19270/2023 before High Court of Karnataka**	**(i) Rs. 32,00,000/-** **(ii) Rs. 3,20,000/-** **(iii) 25.03.2024 at 05.00 PM at No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027** **(iv) 26.03.2024 at 12.00 PM at No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru-560 027**

Terms & Conditions: 1. Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the Bank is not responsible for encumbrances on title if any, condition or any other fact affecting the property, unknown to the Bank. The property is being sold under "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" with all the existing and future encumbrances / Society Dues / Builders dues / Property Tax / Utility Service provider outstanding dues etc. and same shall be borne by bidders whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be held responsible in any way for any third-party claims / rights / dues received after date of opening the bid. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property to his / her satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date. **2.**Charges for documentations, transfer fees with Revenue Department, Conveyance, Stamp Duty, statutory dues (lawfull house tax, Electricity charges& other dues), Registration Charges with the Registrar of Assurances as applicable and other statutory dues if any as applicable under law, shall be borne by the purchaser and the purchaser should complete all the transfer formalities. **3.** The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to CANCEL/ACCEPT/REJECT/ALTER/MODIFY/ POSTPONE the Tender Sale /Auction without giving any reason whatsoever or prior notice. **4.** The intending bidders may take inspection of the property **on 14.03.2024** between **11.00AM to 05.00PM** for Sr.No.(a) property, On 15.03.2024 between 11.00AM to 05.00PM for Sr.No.a(i) and On 16.03.2024 between 11.00AM to 05.00PM for Sr.No.a(ii) property or any other date & time fixed with prior appointment of the Authorised Officer. **5.** The intending bidders may obtain the prescribed Tender forms from Bharat Co-Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd,office at (i)No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bengaluru -560 027 or (ii) Classique arcade, K.S Rao Road,Hampankatta, Mangaluru-575001 and the intending bidders should submit their bids/offers in the prescribed forms along with the KYC documents (PAN Card & Address Proof) together with the Pay Order/Demand Draft of EMD amount in favour of "Bharat Co Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd" in a sealed envelope addressed to the Authorised Officer, Bharat Co Operative Bank (Mumbai)Ltd at the above said address on or before 25.03.2024 at 05.00PM.(Envelope containing the Bids/offer should superscribed as for **Sr.No(.a) property as"Bid for Flat No.202,Bharathinagar,Bengaluru), Sr.No.a(i) property as "Bid for Unit No.4706, "High Point IV",Palace Road, Bengaluru and in respect of Sr.No.a(ii) property as "Bid for Site No.16, "The Calfornia Country", Chikkaballapur",** **6.** Bidders present during the opening of the Tenders may participate in the Oral Bidding / Inter-se Bidding. The Authorised Officer of the Bank have discretion in the manner of conduct of sale including decision with regard to inter-se bidding / negotiations amongst the bidders to realize highest sale value for the said property/ies. They are, therefore advised to remain present themselves or through their duly authorized representative(s), who can take the decision for them. **7.** Mortgagor/borrower/Joint-Co Borrower /Surety may bring prospective bidders/offers to realize good value and may also remain present while opening the offers **on 26.03.2024** aforesaid time and place. **8. The** successful bidders/offerers should deposit 25% of the bid amount (Including EMD) immediately on the day of auction or not later than next working day, as case may be, of opening of bids and balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of opening the tenders/ and the same maybe extended for further period as per the provisions of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. **9.** If the successful bidders fail to pay the amount as aforesaid the deposited amount shall be stand forfeited. **10.**In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Secured Creditor/Authorised Officer, the EMD amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest to the unsuccessful bidders. **11.** The Principal Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor is hereby informed in their own interest to take away all the movables, personal belongings, office documents / equipments / papers, articles, etc. which are not hypothecated to the Bank, if any lying in the above said premises with prior intimation in writing to the Authorised Officer, failing which the same shall be removed / disposed-off as scrap without any realizable value without giving any further notice to you Borrower / Guarantor /Mortgagor to enable us to handover the vacant and peaceful possession to the successful bidders on receipt of entire sale amount, which please take note.

STATUTORY NOTICE UNDER RULE 8[6] OF THE SARFAESI ACT

This is also a notice to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagor of the above loan under Rule 8[6] of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 about holding of sale by inviting sealed tenders from the public in general for the sale of the secured assets on above mentioned date if his / their dues are not cleared in full.

Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above before the date fixed for sale failing which the property will be sold and balance dues, if any will be recovered with interest and costs from the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagor.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 07.03.2024

Sd/- **Chief Manager and Authorised Officer,**
Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.

30% of salaried women in city experienced gender bias at workplace: Survey

This is higher than the national average of 16%, according to the survey by CRISIL, DBS Bank India

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When it comes to negotiating salaries, 77% of women in Chennai said they did not face challenges, compared with 41% in Hyderabad. GETTY IMAGES

The survey titled 'Women and Finance' was conducted among 800 salaried and self-employed women across 10 cities

According to a joint survey conducted by CRISIL and DBS Bank India, some 30% of salaried women in Bengaluru experienced gender bias at their workplace, higher than the national average of 16%. The survey, conducted among 800 salaried and self-employed women across 10 cities in the country, reported that 14% of salaried women in Hyderabad reported a gender bias.

Also, the perception of the gender gap in pay varied by region. For instance, 43% of salaried women respondents from Delhi reported perceiving it, whereas only 4% did so in Kolkata.

Negotiating salaries

When it comes to negotiating salaries, 77% of women in Chennai said they did not face challenges, compared with 41% in Hyderabad. Some 42% of women across the country faced difficulties while negotiating salaries. Meanwhile, 96% of women in Kolkata faced no obstacles when negotiating salaries, while only 33% in Ahmedabad felt so.

Kishore Poduri, Managing Director and Country Head, HR, DBS Bank India, said, "Encouraging women's active participation in the workforce is crucial for fostering their economic independence and ensuring autonomy in financial decision-making. Insights gleaned from the study can empower organisations to understand better women's aspirations and tailor strategies that align with their preferences."

The survey titled "Women and Finance" also tracked their leisure behaviour. After Kolkata (55%), women in Mumbai (50%) spend the most time on leisure travel. In the south, 47% of women in Bengaluru have taken more than three leisure trips in the past year, compared with 15% in Hyderabad. Some 38% of them in Delhi have taken more than three leisure trips compared with 30% of women in Ahmedabad.

The findings also corroborate industry views on persistent gender disparities in the workplace, revealing that the perceived gender pay gap at a pan-India level stood at 23% among salaried women, while perceived gender bias stood at 16%.

Semi-affluent women, earning between ₹10 to 25 lakh annually, and affluent women, with salaries ranging from ₹41 to 55 lakh per year, have varying perspectives on the gender pay gap. Affluent women reported a higher perception of the gender pay gap at 30%, while this stood at 18% among semi-affluent women.

A similar trend was seen with the perception of gender bias at the workplace, with 30% of affluent women asserting that they had experienced it, significantly higher than the 12% of women in the semi-affluent cohort who had perceived the same bias, as per the study.

Hospitality sector becomes prudent with water usage

WATER WOES

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Utilising aerators for water taps and posters to educate consumers about water conservation are some of the measures taken up by restaurants. FILE PHOTO

From serving water in smaller glasses to reducing cutlery items in buffets, hotels and restaurants across Bengaluru are doing their bit to conserve water, amidst the ongoing crisis in the city. While most establishments have their own borewells and other water resources, the ones who are dependent on water tankers are facing the brunt.

"Our establishment has set up a rainwater recycling system with a capacity to store 100 litres of rainwater. This initiative allows us to harness natural precipitation for various non-potable purposes within the hotel premises, thereby reducing our reliance on municipal water sources," said Irfan Khatry, Cluster General Manager - ibis Hotel Bengaluru.

While tanker supply has not been entirely affected, there is a difference between when the hoteliers would want the tanker to reach them and when it is actually reaching them. "We have to book tankers one day prior and the rates have skyrocketed," said P.C. Rao, president, Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers' Association.

Hotels and restaurants are aiming to conserve at least 20% water through these new conservation measures. "Buffets at star hotels require at least 15-20 cutlery items, we have asked them to reduce it. More than 60% of hotels in the city are placing empty glasses and full jugs on tables (instead of water filled glasses) so that customers can consume only as much water as they require and there will be no wastage. We will continue these measures for at least 60-90 days," Mr. Rao said.

Utilising RO wastewater for washing utensils and cleaning washrooms, aerators for water taps and posters to educate consumers about water conservation are some of the measures taken up by restaurants. "Our taps have motion sensors and we have reduced the flow of water. We are also serving drinking water in smaller glasses. This will go a long way in saving water," said Mukesh Tolani, owner of Toit Brewpub.

Hotels which provide accommodation have also resorted to novel methods for water conservation. Some hotels are providing tag on the bed where patrons can indicate if their towels or linens have not been used, so that they do not have to be washed unnecessarily.

Luxury hotels are being prudent with water usage in their spas. Eco-friendly and biodegradable spa products are placed at the spa as they help minimise water usage and environmental impact. We have also installed water-efficient equipment such as low-flow showers, faucets, and hydrotherapy tubs to minimise water usage, during spa treatments," said Natchimuthu Subbaraj, Director of Engineering, Conrad Bengaluru.

Private school closes down for want of water

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Schools and other educational institutions in the city are also bearing the brunt of drinking water crisis. While a private school on Bannerghatta Road has been shut since Tuesday over water woes, residents of Hosakerehalli have now launched a social media campaign to pool in and solve the water problem at Government Higher Primary School in their area.

The management of Abheek Academy, a private school with a strength of 100 students on Banneraghatta Road, has declared holiday from March 5 till 10, owing to lack of water at the school.

"We were dependent on borewell water for the daily usage of the school. However, it has dried up completely now. We are ready to purchase water from tankers, but even if we are ready to pay higher prices, it is not available. So there was no other option but to close down the school for a week, while we arrange water," one of the staffers at the school said.

Government Higher Primary School, Hosakerehalli, has been facing acute water shortage for the past seven months, even before the water crisis began. "The school has a separate borewell but it dried up in August 2023. The Department of School Education and Literacy has re-bored it, but it dried up in a month. Since then we have been buying tanker water from our own resources. But now we are pressed for resources as the prices have shot up. 350 students study here. Multiple appeals have been made to the Department officials and elected representatives from the area," said Gangamma. M., Headmistress of the school.

Social media campaign

Now the local community members have launched a social media campaign to arrange for water for the school. "Our proposal is simple yet impactful: we are looking to arrange for a water tank supply twice a week to ensure that the basic water needs of the school are met. We urge you to join us in this noble cause and contribute towards providing a sustainable solution to the water crisis at GHPS Hosakerehalli," the campaign appealed.

Purple lady's finger, new variety of banana on display at National Horticulture Fair

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The purple lady's finger has anti-cancerous and anti-diabetic properties, says IIHR scientist. JAHNAVI T.R.

When someone says lady's finger, green is the colour that comes to the mind. But the scientists at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) have come up with a purple variety of the vegetable.

The purple hybrid, which is yet to be named, is currently on display at the three-day National Horticulture Fair, which is taking place at IIHR. The variety looks exactly similar to the green lady's finge

Pitchaimuthu M., principal scientist in the Division of Vegetable Crops, IIHR, said: "In general, people think of only green bhindis (lady's finger). We developed a variant which was resistant to yellow vein mosaic virus 30 years ago. With changing consumer preferences, we wanted to come up with a niche product."

He added: "Hence, in the last 10 years, we kept trying different lines of light and dark purple in bhindis and we have finally come up with this variant now. This variety has good fruit quality and is rich in anthocyanin and polyphenols which is a good antioxidant." He also said that the variety was good in fibre and also has anti-cancerous and anti-diabetic properties.

It also has a high yield capacity of 15 tonnes per hectare. It is also resistant to root wilt disease and can be grown as potted plants too. The flowers will blossom in 45-50 days. "We are planning to release the variety in a month's time. The lady's finger can then be used in salads, or they can be fried and used in curries," Mr. Pitchaimuthu said.

Popoulu banana chips

While Nendran banana is usually used in making chips, the scientists at University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, are working on releasing a Popoulu variant of banana as a substitute for the former. While Nendran takes 308.43 days for cultivation, Popoulu will only take 297.77 days. These bananas, which are longer and thicker than the Nendran bananas, will weigh around 18.14 kg (one bunch). It also has a high yield capacity of 55.98 tonnes per hectare.

"In Kerala, this variety has already been studied and released. We are working on releasing the variant which is suitable to cultivation here. With less starch content (when compared to Nendran), Popoulu will give crisper chips like potato chips. It will also consume less oil," Nataraj K.H., assistant professor at the university, told *The Hindu*.

This variety is also being displayed at the Horticulture Fair.

Traffic PSI saves boy from drowning in sump

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nagaraj A.R., attached to Byatarayanapura traffic police station, was on his way to duty when he heard screams from a building

A traffic police sub-inspector jumped into a 10-feet water sump and rescued a 2.5-year-old boy from drowning.

Officer Nagaraj A.R., 50, attached to Byatarayanapura traffic police station was on his way to duty when he heard screams from a three-storey building at around 3.45 p.m. He rushed towards the building and noticed a group of women crying out for help pointing towards the sump. On knowing a child had fallen into the sump, Nagaraj jumped in without wasting time.

It was a 10-feet sump with water till the waist, he told *The Hindu*. It was pitch dark inside. Nagaraj dragged the boy out. He was taken to a hospital, where he is being treated and said to be out of danger. The boy, who was in the care of his aunt while his parents had gone out for work, slipped into the tank while playing. Mr. Nagaraj tried to call the boy's parents but they did not respond, while the residents cheered and thanked him for the brave act. He reported the matter to his senior who lauded his work.

A native of Kolar, Nagaraj lives with his wife and children. While his daughter is pursing engineering, his son is in class 8.

Timings
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THURSDAY, MAR. 07		
RISE	06:32	SET 18:29
RISE	03:53	SET 15:31
FRIDAY, MAR. 08		
RISE	06:31	SET 18:29
RISE	04:47	SET 16:35
SATURDAY, MAR. 09		
RISE	06:31	SET 18:29
RISE	05:38	SET 17:37

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	23
Mysuru	35	21
Bengaluru	35	20

Bengaluru Today
33°C A dry weather to continue. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night will remain slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant.

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Namma Metro's driverless train to undergo 37 tests lasting 4 months

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first set of prototype six-coach metro train, which arrived from China, undergoing multiple tests at Hebbagodi metro depot in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The first set of prototype six coach metro train, which arrived at Hebbagodi metro depot from China on February 14, is now undergoing multiple tests, according to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL).

"Being a new rolling stock, multiple tests need to be conducted. Coaches have been assembled before moving to the test track for static and electrical circuits testing. Later, it will be moved to mainline testing," said BMRCL officials.

Explaining about the tests, Jithendra Jha, project manager, Rolling Stock, BMRCL, said that there are a wide range of about 37 tests which may take four months, followed by system integration with signaling system, telecommunications system, power supply system etc., tests for 45 days. "The statutory safety tests shall include Oscillation Trials by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS). Based on the recommendations of RDSO and CMRS, approval of Railway Board to be obtained for introducing the trains for revenue service," he added.

This train is equipped with state-of-the art technology such as Unattended Train Operations (UTO), Enhanced Supervision Capability from Operations Control Centre(OCC), Track Monitoring System, Hot Axle Detection System, Obstacle and Derailment Detection System etc. Apart from this, the coaches have electric signages above the doors to showcase routes, advertisements, notices, information etc. "Besides, Prototype Train for CBTC, one more prototype train with DTG Signalling is being supplied by CRRC, China. Balance 34 train sets (14 CBTC & 20 DTG) are manufactured in India at Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd. in West Bengal," Mr. Jha said.

The BMRCL will introduce these trains as a part of the Communication-Based Train Control (CBTC) System, commonly known as 'Driverless Technology'. It will also reduce the headway to the extent of 90 seconds from the existing two-and-a-half minutes. Although trains are compatible for driverless operation, the BMRCL will deploy loco pilots to operate the train initially.

The 18.82-km-long under-construction metro line connects RV Road with Bommasandra. It is a fully elevated metro route with 16 stations. It connects with the Green Line of Bengaluru Metro at RV Road Station and with the Pink Line at Jayadeva Hospital station. This line has a metro-cum-road flyover from Ragi Gudda to Central Silk Board for a distance of 3.13 km built to decongest Central Silk Board Junction. It consists of five Loops and Ramps, which is an extension of the double-decker flyover towards KR Pura and Hosur road which are in advanced stages of construction.

The Jayadeva metro station is an interchange station built to integrate Yellow Line (RV Road to Bommasandra) Reach 5 line and the Pink Line Reach 6 (Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara) consisting of Bannerghatta Road underpass, Mareanahalli Road at ground level, Raggigudda-CSB Road flyover, Metro Concourse level, Reach 5 platform-Yellow line (RV Road to Bommasandra), Reach 6 platform - Pink line (Kalena Agrahara-Nagawara)

"The Yellow Line aims to boost connectivity to areas that are home to big companies like Infosys and Biocon and South Bengaluru. It will ease the daily struggles of metro commuters by a substantial amount. It will also increase the overall metro connectivity in the city to facilitate easy and efficient commute. With the commissioning of this line, it will significantly impact the lives of Bengaluru metro commuters with a comforting experience and efficient service. Bengaluru Metro will become second in the country to have driverless metros," a release by BMRCL stated.

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'Board exams for classes 5, 8, 9, and 11 against law'

Quoting earlier judgments of the HC, which state that the government would have to be guided by prior framed rules in cases involving major changes, Justice Hosmani said that such a proposition of law would also be applicable for the drastic changes being introduced in examination system, more particularly on the eve of the examination.

Pointing out that when the students of classes 5, 8, 9, and 11 have not been subjected to board exams till now, the court said that the drastic change in the examination system that would affect substantially a large number of students, could not have been introduced without adhering to the norms. "The object of new examinations, howsoever laudable, cannot cure procedural defects" in issuing the impugned notifications, it observed.

It also observed that the State government, perhaps, invoked the provision of the Karnataka Education Act to introduce board exams for these classes as a similar attempt, to impose summative assessment for classes 5 and 8 by KSEAB introduced through circulars in 2022, was shot down as violative of the provisions of RTE Act by the court last year. Pointing out that the government cannot escape compliance with Section 145(4) of the Act, which mandates that every notification and rule made under the Karnataka Education Act should be laid before each House of the State Legislature within the prescribed deadline, the court said that the impugned notifications were not laid before the Houses of the legislature.

INBRIEF

KPSC gets a new member

R. Kavallamma, history lecturer and coordinator, Postgraduate and Research Centre, Department of History, Government Arts College, Bengaluru, has been appointed as member of the Karnataka Public Service Commission.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot issued a notification in this regard on Tuesday.

State govt. to challenge HC order quashing board exams

The examinations may be postponed if there is no clear ruling before Monday

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The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has said they will challenge the High Court order quashing board exams for classes 5, 8, 9 and 11, before the Division Bench and seek an urgent hearing. Exams for classes 5, 8 and 9 are scheduled to begin from March 11. Students and parents have now been pushed to confusion.

"We will challenge this order before a Division Bench and given the tight schedule of the exams, we will seek an urgent hearing on Thursday," said Ritesh Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, DSEL. Thursday will be the only working day for the High Court of Karnataka before Monday, as the court will be closed for the weekend due to Shivaratri on Friday followed by a second Saturday.

Meanwhile, Lokesh Talikatte, one of the petitioners challenging board exams and the president of Registered Unaided Private Schools Management Association (RUPSA-Karnataka), said if the Department challenges the High Court Order, they will also contest it, indicating a tough legal battle ahead. Given the lack of time before the scheduled exams, if the Division Bench of the High Court doesn't give a clear ruling on Thursday, the exams for classes 5, 8 and 9 will likely be postponed, sources in DSEL said. However, officials hoped they would get a stay order on Wednesday's court order and exams will be held as per schedule.

Confusion galore

Wednesday's court order has pushed students, teachers and parents into confusion about whether the exams will be held on Monday or not, and whether they will be board examinations or school examinations.

Arun Kumar, a parent from Bengaluru, said with only four days left for the exams, the court order had created confusion and made students anxious. "The government will likely get only one day on Thursday, as the court will be closed on the weekend. The department hasn't yet announced whether the exams will be held or will be postponed. There is confusion. These students are small children of classes 5, 8 and 9. They are stressed," he said.

"We were doing last minute preparation for the exams and now there is uncertainty over whether they will be held on Monday. This will definitely put more pressure on students, who are already under exam pressure," said a government school teacher.

However, H.N. Gopalakrishna, Director, Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB), expressed confidence that exams will be held as per schedule. "Last year too, a lower bench of the High Court struck down our exams, but it was upheld by a Division Bench and later by the Supreme Court. So we are confident that it will turn out to be the same again this year too," he said.

A sense of *deja vu*

The entire sequence of events has created a sense of *deja vu* as in 2023 too, board exams for classes 5 and 8, were quashed by the High Court of Karnataka and exams were postponed and eventually held after the Supreme Court allowed for them. The DSEL introduced board exams for classes 5 and 8 in 2022-23 and expanded it to classes 9 and 11 in 2023-24. In 2022-23, the Department had scheduled board exams for classes 5 and 8 between March 13 and 18, 2023.

However, the High Court struck down these exams, after hearing a petition from private school managements. The DSEL had questioned this order before the division bench and the bench had upheld the government decision. Further, the division bench's order was challenged before the Supreme Court and the court had permitted the government to conduct the examination. Finally, the exams were held from March 27, 2023, across the State.

Ravindra resigns; says Cong. selling LS ticket to highest bidder

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

H.N. Ravindra

Disappointed over not being considered for party ticket to the Mandya constituency in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) general secretary H.N. Ravindra has resigned and accused the party of selling Lok Sabha ticket to the highest bidder.

He alleged that the KPCC and party senior leaders had decided to field an 'outsider' in Mandya, who has not even obtained primary membership of the party.

Dr. Ravindra, who is also former State president of Indian Medical Association, said he has submitted his resignation to KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar. He alleged that the senior leaders of the party have not discussed the issue of fielding the candidate from the constituency with local leaders and workers. The party has taken an unilateral decision to field the candidate who is not from the Mandya constituency, he alleged. Sources said the Congress has proposed to give ticket to builder "Star" Chandru in Mandya constituency. Mr. Chandru is the brother of K.H. Puttaswamy Gowda, Independent MLA from Gauribidanur.

Dr. Ravindra said he was an aspirant for Melkote constituency in the 2023 Assembly elections. The party leaders extended support to Karnataka Sarvodaya Party leader Darshan Puttannaiah and he won the election. "I worked for Mr. Puttannaiah's victory in the interest of the party," said Dr. Ravindra, who had staged a protest in Mandya seeking ticket to the local leaders in the Lok Sabha poll in 2019.

Congress meeting

Meanwhile, sources said the Central Election Committee (CEC) of the All India Congress Committee is scheduled to hold its meeting on Wednesday in New Delhi, to finalise the party's list of candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, including Karnataka.

The CEC is likely to clear the names of candidates recommended by the KPCC, that recommended names to the party high command based on the opinions of district in-charge Ministers, observers, MLAs, defeated candidates, Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha members, block committee and district presidents.

Speaking to reporters in Karwar, CM Siddaramaiah also hinted that in 2-3 days, the Congress State list would be released.

Pressure mounts on HDK to contest Lok Sabha election

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The pressure on former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to contest the Lok Sabha elections from a section of his colleagues in the Janata Dal (Secular) as well as the BJP seems to be increasing. The seat-sharing agreement between the two parties is likely to be announced by this weekend.

While party leaders are divided over the consequences in case of him entering the fray, the BJP central leadership is believed to be keen that he takes the plunge and arrive on the national stage. Though Mr. Kumaraswamy has not revealed his plans yet, his father and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has on multiple occasions stated that ultimately Prime Minister Narendra Modi will decide on the issue.

Earlier, the party leaders had exerted pressure on Mr. Kumaraswamy to contest from Mandya. On Tuesday, at another meeting of leaders from Bengaluru Rural constituency in which three BJP lawmakers were present, Mr. Kumaraswamy was requested to consider contesting from the Bengaluru Rural constituency. At another meeting recently, he was requested to consider Chickballapur.

CEC meeting

The seat-sharing arrangement among the NDA partners will be formalised this weekend. The BJP's Central Election Committee is meeting on Friday. Mr. Kumaraswamy is travelling to Delhi this weekend to hold final discussions with the BJP central leadership.

H.D. Kumaraswamy

JD(S) sources said that it has been decided that the party will get Mandya, Hassan and Kolar, and is likely to get one from among Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru or Chickballapur constituencies.

Multiple sources in both JD(S) and BJP, who are aware of the developments, confirmed that there is pressure on Mr. Kumaraswamy to contest.

"BJP central leaders are keen that Mr. Kumaraswamy contest from Chickballapur, as the saffron party is set to replace incumbent B.N. Bache Gowda. But, a section of party leaders are worried about the party's prospects and a possible leadership crisis if Mr. Kumaraswamy decides to enter national politics," sources in the JD(S) revealed.

Though there is a possibility of Mr. Kumaraswamy entering the fray from Mandya. the party believes that it is not on a firm footing in Bengaluru Rural where D.K. Suresh, brother of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and incumbent MP, is expected to contest.

"Eventually, ground realities will dictate the decision. The party is likely to get four seats to contest. Mr. Kumaraswamy will have the responsibility of campaigning and handling electioneering in these constituencies. There are chances that he may not contest," according to sources.

A source in the party said that the move to national politics is expected to provide a larger platform for Mr. Kumaraswamy to network among national leaders, and will help in political growth too.

A BJP source said that the Prime Minister is keen on Mr. Kumaraswamy contesting as that would send positive optics across NDA partners in India, besides Mr. Modi having faith in the former Chief Minister's capabilities. However, those in the party sceptical about his national moves point out that the JD(S) currently lacks a strong second-rung leader, who can manage the party's affairs and withstand pressure from the ruling Congress.

"Though the alliance with the BJP has staved off attempts by the Congress to divide the JD(S), which has 19 legislators, the threat continues to loom large over the party. The party's leaders and workers continue to look up to Mr. Kumaraswamy for leadership on regional issues. If he goes to the Centre, he may not be able to concentrate on the party's affairs. The party's effort to overhaul the organisation is yet to be completed," according to one leader.

Panchamasalis to relaunch agitation at convention in Kalaburagi on March 12

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

With the Lok Sabha polls on the anvil, the Panchamasali Lingayat Reservation Agitation Committee has planned to re-launch an agitation through its mega convention in Kalaburagi on March 12, to press for its long-pending demand for inclusion under Category 2A and bringing all Lingayat sub-castes under central OBCs list.

Committee president Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami of Kudalasangama Panchamasali Peetha told presspersons in Kalaburagi on Wednesday that even after the 712 km-padayatra across the State and performing "Ishtalinga Pooje" on highways in the last three years, the government had ignored their demand.

He said that, along with a delegation of Lingayat legislators, he had met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the winter session in Belagavi in December last year. Mr. Siddaramaiah, who had assured them of holding a meeting within a week had failed to respond even after three months, he alleged.

Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami of Kudalasangama Panchamsali Peetha, president of the Panchamasali Lingayat Reservation Agitation Committee, at a press meet in Kalaburagi on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Claiming that the caste census submitted by Jayaprakash Hegde, Chairman for the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, was unscientific, he alleged that the caste census was a conspiracy to show that the population of the Lingayat community was negligible compared with others. "We too have conducted a survey based on voters' data through a private agency. The population of Lingayat Panchamasali is around 1.10 crore in Karnataka," he said.

He warned that the Committee would intensify its agitation if the government failed to fulfill the long-pending demand of inclusion of Panchamsali Lingayats into 2A category.

On March 12, the political leaders, cutting across party lines, would participate in the convention at Sharanabasaveshwara Jatra Maidan in Kalaburagi.

A bike rally would be held across the district on March 10.

LS polls: C.N. Manjunath may get NDA ticket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The name of the former director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research C.N. Manjunath has been discussed as the NDA candidate for Bengaluru Rural constituency. He is the son-in-law of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

At a meeting of JD(S) and BJP leaders on Tuesday, Dr. Manjunath's name, along with former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy was discussed, sources in JD(S) said. They said that Dr. Manjunath is likely to contest on a BJP ticket. BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar, who was tipped to contest, has not evinced interest, sources said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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on 07.03.2021
W/o. Sundararajan K.
Kalpakkam Atomic Energy
We feel your vibrant presence in our hearts.
Sundararajan, Livitha, Yeshwanthi & family members.

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BBMP Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/MPED-C/TEND/08/2023-24 Date: 06-03-2024

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The Executive Engineer, MPED-C, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Construction of RCC Drain and Improvements to Roads all around of Council Building in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST)(in Rs.): 95,23,036/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,90,500/-**
2	Modernisation of Joint Commissioner (Revenue) Office at Annex-2 Building in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 74,44,545/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,49,000/-**
3	Improvements to Two Wheeler Parking Stand in Front of Annex-2 Building. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 47,55,930/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 95,500/-**
4	Modernisation of Superintendent Engineer (Electrical) Office Chamber Annex-3 Building in Head Office Premises. **(SC) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 28,54,694/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 29,000/-**
5	Repairs to Annex-3 Building in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.) : 95,22,407/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,91,000/-**
6	Improvements to Commissioner Personal Section at BBMP Head Office. **(SC) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 94,64,076/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 95,000/-**
7	Modernisation to Council Secretary Office 1st Floor at Council Building in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 99,98,521/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000/-**
8	Modernisation of Joint Commissioner (SWM) Office Chamber in Annex-2 Building at Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 76,04,925/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,53,000/-**
9	Repairs to Kannada Sangha and Kannada Cultural Sangha Building in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 28,54,909/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 57,500/-**
10	Modernisation of Meeting Hall-1 in Main Building at Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST)(in Rs.): 99,98,571/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000/-**
11	Modernisation of PRO Office in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 19,03,471/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 48,000/-**
12	Modernisation of Chief Engineer & Executive Engineer (TVCC) Office Chamber at Annex-2 Building in Head Office Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 52,27,159/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,05,000/-**
13	Replacement of Water Line and Over Head Tank in BBMP Campus Premises. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 47,46,204/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 95,000/-**
14	Supplying of Food and Snacks for BBMP Functions and Meetings for the Year 2024-25. **(Others) - Approximated Amount Put to Tender (including GST) (in Rs.): 49,94,062/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,00,000/-**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 06-03-2024 onwards. 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **13-03-2024 upto 17.30 Hours. 3)** Date of Opening of Proposals is **14-03-2024 at 17.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

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RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL

No. 794// Dt. 4.03.24 //

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Road Online AGL-50/2023-24

Due to some unavoidable circumstances the last date of Online for bidding and opening of the date has been extended as follows in respect of the tender for Road works invited in Tender Call Notice Bid Identification No.Road Online-AGL-50/2023-24 by the Procurement Officer, Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul.

Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of Opening
From	To	Technical Bid
1	2	3
26.02.2024 at 10.00 A.M.	16.03.2024 upto 4.30 P.M.	16.03.2024 At 5.00 P.M.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Angul.

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Innovation on display at National Horticulture Fair

From seeds of different varieties of fruit, flower and vegetable plants to advanced technological advancements are available at the 250 stalls put up at the fair

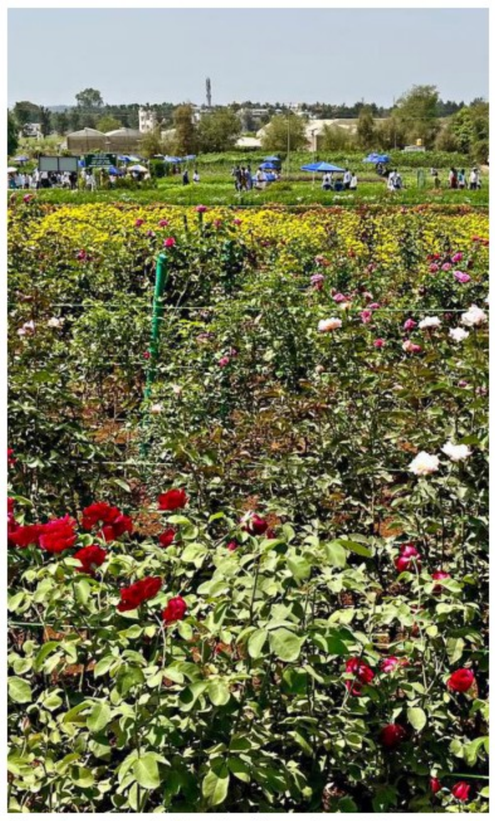
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For any horticulture enthusiasts in Bengaluru, from home gardeners to orchard owners, National Horticulture Fair (NHF) organised at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) between March 5 and March 7 is the place to be. From seeds of different varieties of fruit, flower and vegetable plants to advanced technological advancements, are available at the 250 stalls put up at the fair. Innovative products like purple coloured ladies finger, dragon fruit juice, ready-to-eat jackfruit curry, millet health bars and jackfruit it seed and mushroom powder cookies are also available at the fair.

More than 30 agricultural institutes from 18 States are taking part in the fair. "Our Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) brought us to this fair. I had never been to an agricultural fair on such a large scale. I have spent more than half day just going through the stall here," said Pradeep, a farmer from Sira taluk in Tumakuru who was at NHF on the inaugural day. Arka Mealy Melt, which works against mealy bugs, which are soft oval insects which affect crops in even kitchen gardens, home gardens, landscapes and indoor gardens, is also among the new products developed by IIHR using technology. The product will help dissolve the mealy bug wax due to which hinders the penetration of insecticides to work against the bugs.

On the first day of NHF, around 20,000 people were in attendance while on the second day, around 25,000 people thronged the IIHR premises.

Participants take part at the National Horticulture Fair at Indian Institute of Horticulture Research campus. SUDHAKARA JAIN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A panel discussion that ponders over better solutions for resource management

With topics like the role of collaborative efforts in resource management, the panellists brainstormed on ways to build a cleaner, greener world

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Waste is an urgent issue," said Poonam Bir Kasturi, the founder of Daily Dump, a city-based organisation that makes composting products. So, how do you get others to feel this urgency, asked Kasturi, who was moderating 'Wasting Away: A Panel Discussion on Resource Management' held at the Science Gallery, Bengaluru, part of the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan's ongoing Critical Zones programme.

It was a question that most of the panellists –Mansoor Gous of Hasiru Dala, Saarim Khursheed of WhyWaste, Elizabeth Yorke of Edible Issues and Sahar Mansoor of Bare Necessities – must contend with regularly, given that they, like Kasturi, work in the sustainability and resource management space.

Khursheed, for instance, said that it is important not to start from a place of fear and doom. Instead, he prefers trying to educate people. teaching them how to apply first principles thinking to the issue. "You take a problem and break it down to the simplest level," he said, going on to talk about how the WhyWaste app, for instance, can help with water conservation by creating consciousness. "It gives you the idea that this is the amount of water you have used," he said while Mansoor, too, agreed that she preferred the idea of a you-can-do-it attitude rather than a fear-based rhetoric."

Mansoor Gous of Hasiru Dala, Saarim Khursheed of WhyWaste, Elizabeth Yorke of Edible Issues, Sahar Mansoor of Bare Necessities and Poonam Bir Kasturi of Daily Dump.

Excitement and awareness

Over the conversation, which went from how there is an increased awareness and interest in more sustainable lifestyles to how collaboration can play a huge role in the conservation and resource management narrative, whether a circular economy can ever be scaled enough to make a difference, and the role of innovation, the panellists brainstormed on ways to build a cleaner, greener world. "Í think there is a lot of awareness and excitement around sustainability," said Mansoor, who felt that with more and more organisations entering this space, "the solutions are enormous." The power of collaboration when it came to finding solutions was reiterated several times at the event. Yorke, a chef and researcher, spoke about the need for it in the food industry, which works in silos today, something that wasn't always the case. For centuries, she said, bakers and brewers worked in similar spaces because they shared ingredients like flour, grain, yeast and water. They also shared byproducts, with the bakers giving stale bread to the brewer while the brewer would offer spent grains in return. "We live in cities where everything is so disintegrated and disassociated," said Yorke, also the founder of Saving Grains, which offers a range of delicious products made of "spent grains", a by-product of beer brewing. "By-products can be used to nurture and nourish communities," added Yorke, a strong proponent of upcycling.

Challenges and more

The panelists also spoke about some of the challenges they encountered in their journey. While waste entrepreneur Gous, who operates a Dry Waste Collection Centre in Ward 168, Pattabiramnagar, spoke about how people don't always dispose of takeout containers responsibly, making it very challenging for the waste pickers who handle dry waste, Yorke talked about things one needed to account for while upcycling food, which include acceptability, taste and health. Another big challenge? Scalability. "Can we be a big brand? " asked Kasturi, a question that garnered mixed reactions from the various panellists.

"I think we need to see waste through a community lens... something focused on my area rather than solving a problem for everyone," said Khursheed while Mansoor pointed out that we need a combination of big, small and medium enterprises in this space. "We need to be cautious of silver bullet solution," she said. "Some solutions are meant to scale, and some are not."

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 7, 1974

Mysore Betting Tax Bill Passed

Bangalore: In the Karnataka Assembly, the opposition staged a walkout protesting against the anti-people "attitude of the Government in pressing with the Mysore Betting Tax and Race Courses Licensing (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 1974, which was passed.

The walkout came at the end of the clause by Clause consideration of the Bill after the motion for consideration was passed with 38 supporting and 14 against in a division demanded by the opposition. The Opposition members, however, returned within minutes of the walk-out. The Bill, which replaced an ordinance, sought to enable off-course betting, following the permission given by the State Government.

Pharmacy Students Asked to End Agitation

Bangalore: The Health Minister, Mr. H. Siddaveerappa made an appeal in the Karnataka Assembly to the students of the Government College of Pharmacy to call off their agitation and co-operate in solving their (students) problem.

Making a statement on a call attention notice tabled by Mr. M.S. Krishnan (CPI), the Health Minister said that the Government had already taken action on some of the demands of the students and the indefinite hunger strike by four students was called off on March 5. He wanted the students to call off the strike also. The Health Minister said that the students went on a strike from January 30.

A stitch in time

Kasuti embroidery, native to North Karnataka, is in danger of being lost due to non-recognition and modern techniques

Divine detailing Usha J Pawar with her National Award winning piece, a kasuti piece in the making. MURALI KUMAR K / THE HINDU

Ranjani Govind

"A great deal remains to be done to pull handmade *kasuti* embroidery back from the brink of obscurity as it competes with computerised versions entering the market," laments Usha J Pawar, a Bengaluru-based *kasuti* expert who bagged the 2016 National Award for this art form.

"Today, the designs are printed beforehand and the artiste merely adds to it. The number of people learning the art are also dwindling, as it is a laborious process," says Usha, who has trained thousands of women to take up this method of embroidery.

This style of embroidery has a regal past with researchers saying it was developed during the Vijaynagar period, though some accounts take it to the Chola era when embroidered saris were a part of the royal trousseau. The style came into being when women collected the scraps after a sari was woven in silk-rich Karnataka and used the threads for embroidery.

Cynosure of all eyes

On entering Usha's aesthetically laid out home in Seshadripuram, one can see various embroidered works on display that exude elegance, expertise and her passion for arts and crafts. The huge piece of *kasuti* work that won her the National Award is displayed in her drawing room, and her needle's attention to detail is breathtaking.

"Yes, this piece (42 x 42 inches) done on raw silk took me two years to make. It is an example of the authentic *kasuti* work of Hubli-Dharwad in North Karnataka. It starts without a knot and ends without a knot – the piece is reversible too, with the back and front being identical."

In a nutshell, that describes what one should look for in genuine *kasuti* work – the absence of hanging or knotted thread.

Winning style

All the four variations of *kasuti* embroidery are a part of Usha's award-winning piece. That includes *gavanti*, which goes diagonally, horizontally and vertically; *murgi* that traverses a zig-zag path; *negi*, also called the weaver's stitch, is used in designs that require two strands of the embroidery thread; and *menthe*, a cross-stitch of sorts is used to fill in the motifs.

Describing the piece, Usha says, "I began from the centre with a *chaape* (carpet) of designs that represent North Karnataka, made up of what we see in nature – flora, fauna and temple art with *rangoli* patterns."

Just as the sanctum sanctorum of the temple is surrounded by guardian walls showcasing several pieces of art, Usha's piece too starts off with the centre depicting the auspicious *mantapa* and *gopura* with Shiva *linga*, the chariot parades, trees with birds, deer, elephants and peacocks. Each surrounding rectangle showcases her signature touches, including the mythical bird *ganda-berunda* and other floral motifs that receive geometrical ornamentation.

Usha explains, "We use a single thread (embroidery thread comes in six strands) and its in the judicious use of different coloured threads that we get the right effect. *Kasuti* is best seen on a dark-coloured background as the designs stand out. It takes about six to eight weeks to complete a sari."

Array of designs

Why did she choose doing *kasuti* on such a huge scale as a display piece? "This piece is a compilation of my observations over the decades. I came across wonderful designs in some time-honoured pieces, in danger of being forgotten. At first I thought of replicating all these designs onto a sari, but soon realised it would not be enough." With nearly 250 designs on the piece, Usha has used 13 metres of running fabric to help demarcate them.

The dark piece of raw silk includes thread work in different shades of green, orange, red, yellow and white. "I began working on this piece in 2014 and I complete 10 years of working on the cause of *kasuti*. This piece can serve as a reference of everything *kasuti*," says Usha. Her saris were also on display at a show curated by Prasad Bidapa, a few years ago.

Start of a mission

Usha Pawar, 73, is a Maharashtrian whose family settled in Bengaluru generations ago. Usha was born and brought up in Basavanagudi, and married Janardhan Pawar, the grandson of R Subba Rao, from the founding family of Rukmini Hall in Chickpete which deals with silk.

Usha was not particularly interested in embroidery when she was younger, but appreciated the intricacies of *kasuti*, something her aunts scrupulously worked on. "Anchor had a design studio in Bangalore on Double Road and they held a workshop there in 1990 where I learnt about different kinds of embroidery." "That's how I got on to *kasuti* and that passion developed into an obsession. Once, a customer at Rukmini Hall wanted a customised *kasuti* sari. In those days, it was difficult to get this done from North Karnataka, so I took up the project and that marked the beginning of my journey."

Preserving through promotion

Today, Usha takes *kasuti* classes at her residence and conducts workshops; she is a regular at Sumanagali Ashram and the Malleswaram Enterprising Women's Society.

She is also part of LTI in Malleswaram (Learn Teach and Interact) where ladies share ideas on several topics including culture, crafts, cooking and gardening. She has diversified her *kasuti* work and adds them to dupattas, tops, handbags and *potlis* to help preserve the art form. Any tips to maintain a work of Kasuti? "Authentic Kasuti on any material has to be ironed on the reverse; dry cleaning is the safest way to wash."

The next Kasuti workshop will be on March 11. Call 9845078141 for details.

CITYBEATS

An excerpt from life

MARCH 8

Mohua Chinappa will have a discussion based on her work *If Only It Were Spring Everyday* (Srishti)'. Organised as part of their Women's Day celebrations, Mahua will read from her work, which is a collection of poems that she says is an exploration of love, respect and resilience in the face of adversity.
At Atta Galatta, 7pm. Call 9632510126.

Celebrating women

MARCH 8

To celebrate Women's Day, Tyd Kitchen & Bar on Hennur Main Road, will serve a complimentary dessert to women who dine with them. This special dessert is a hazelnut and strawberry dacquoise, made with almond and hazelnut flour, layered with chocolate and strawberry mousse, and topped with strawberry foam.
Noon to midnight. Call 9606945001.

Good brews

ONGOING

The Kind Roastery & Brewroom is now serving coffee that is meticulously crafted with an artisanal approach, which celebrates the bean's unique flavour. Some of their brewing methods include the classic pour-over and the immersive chemex.
The Kind Roastery & Brewroom, in JP Nagar 2nd Phase, is open from 8am to 11pm.

Quiet transfer of power

Leading lights (From left) Harini Nagendra, Shaili Chopra, Sonu Venugopal and Rangina Hamidi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Priyamedha Dutta

As the world prepares to observe International Women's Day, honouring the countless contributions of women across the globe, Active Canvas is organising a symposium.

This private foundation focused on nature-inspired innovation, conservation, and women's education and empowerment is presenting, Let's Women Up, at Bangalore International Centre on March 9 that aims to shine a spotlight on their achievements, resilience and unwavering spirit.

The event will launch its Wonder Women Program (WWP) to showcase the crucial work local and international NGOs do in support of gender equality. "The WWP programme supports underprivileged girls who are graduating from institutions without any kind of systemic support," says Raksha Sriram, founder of Active Canvas. "We help them get admission to colleges for higher education, and they are mentored till they are in a position to be financially independent."

The event will have a keynote speech by Shaili Chopra, journalist, entrepreneur and Founder CEO of SheThePeople, performances by singer Bindhumalini, contemporary performer Veena Basavarajaiah and stand-up comedian Sonu Venugopal. Women leaders from different fields will speak about their path-breaking journeys and how together they can empower other women.

Rangina Hamidi, an Afghan-American writer, educator and women's rights activist will talk about the importance of women's education and their role in world politics.

A panel discussion with Rohini Srivathsa (CTO, Microsoft India and South), Harini Nagendra (author and ecologist), Shobha Regunathan (architect and founder of Build-ed), Vandana Suri (founder of Taxshe, a women-run taxi service), Indu Antony (multi disciplinary artist) and Vasanthi Hariprakash (journalist) will also be held

Let's Woman Up will take place at Bangalore International Center, Indiranagar, on March 9 from 10am to 5pm. Entry free.

A potpourrie of emotions

Shilpa Anandraj

Nag Venkat is a Bengaluru-based software engineer, who renounced his decade-long career in the IT capital to dive into the world of cinema. Having a passion to tell stories, Venkat always knew that he would end up making films. "Or at least doing something in this field," says the director over a call from Hyderabad where he is finishing the last leg of editing his Kannada film, *Kailasa Kasidre*.

Venkat makes his debut as writer-director with *Kailasa Kasidre*, which releases on March 8. The film revolves around a carefree boy named Deepak, whose life takes a turn when he meets Anjali, a software engineer. The two get embroiled in the world of drugs. When the police get to know of their involvement, it turns out to be a cat-and-mouse game with action, romance and comedy all blended in.

Hailing from Bellary, Venkat was educated in Hyderabad and made Bengaluru his home when he landed a job in a software company here. He describes the film as a mix of multiple genres. "There is drama, romance, comedy and crime. I was inspired by the drug bust that happened in Hyderabad in 2007. A lot of big names were supposed to be involved and it became big news. That captivated me and I dived into the subject. I wanted to use the material in an entertaining manner and *Kailasa Kasidre* was born."

Leap of faith Writer-director Nag Venkat (below left), stills and the making of Kailasa Kasidre. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He worked as an executive producer with the Telugu web series *Lingababu Love Stories* and made a few short films including *Murder @ 10am* in Telugu. Venkat says he chose to make his debut with a Kannada film. "I have many friends in Hyderabad and could have made a film in any language. This film has newcomers and in Telugu, making a film without a star is tough to pull off. Whereas in Kannada, content-led low budget films are also well-received."

Venkat describes Bengaluru as a place where people watch films in all languages. "The audience is intelligent, well informed and open to new concepts."

Venkat quit his job in 2017 when he realised people binged on the content available on streaming services. "Filmmakers were telling new stories and the audience was receptive. That is when I felt I had a chance to carve a niche for myself."

After quitting his job, Venkat got busy writing stories, attending screenplay and filmmaking workshops, and being part of seminars in film festivals across the country.

Kailasa Kasidre features Ravi Kiran (*Tarakasura*) and Sukanya Girish playing the leads. The duo are supported by Suraj, Ninasam Ashwath, Lokesh KV Akarsh.

The film is produced by Wasiq Alsaad, while the cinematography is by Vinod Rajendran and music by Ashic Arun. "Wasiq is an Anantapur-based entrepreneur-businessman. *Kailasa Kasidre* is his debut venture in the Kannada film industry."

Take ₹13,608 cr. on offer, SC advises Kerala

SC brokers a second meet between Kerala and Centre to resolve the financial emergency faced by State; Bench asks Centre if it is fair to compel a State to withdraw its suit as a precondition to release funds; as an interim measure, State had sought ₹26,226 crore to clear 'immediate obligations'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday nudged Kerala to meet the Centre's team a second time and accept the ₹13,608 crore on offer to tide over the immediate financial emergency looming in the State.

"Let the Chief Secretary, Finance Secretary and the Advocate-General, with a financial adviser, meet the Central team. Take ₹13,608 crore. Make out a case for the remaining amount. Accept the conditions, except withdrawal of this suit filed in the Supreme Court, to resolve the immediate emergency," Justice Surya Kant, heading a Bench comprising Justice K.V. Viswanthan, orally advised the State of Kerala, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate C.K. Sasi.

First meet inconclusive

The first round of talks between the Centre and the State on February 14 proved inconclusive when the former insisted that Kerala withdraw its suit as a precondition for the release of ₹13,608 crore.

The Bench did not pass any interim orders on Kerala's original suit. It gave Kerala liberty to mention whenever there was a need for a hearing. The court did not fix a time for the meeting between the Centre and Kerala, leaving it to the discretion of the officials on both sides.

The suit filed by the State had accused the Union government of violating the federal structure of governance and causing "severe damage to the economy of a small State with meagre resources" by limiting its borrowing powers. As an urgent interim measure, Kerala had sought ₹26,226 crore to clear its "unmet arrears and immediate obligations".

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>
> **JUSTICE SURYA KANT**

"We cannot pay out of public funds. We cannot pay other allowances like pension, dearness allowance, pay revision. The impact of all this is only a few months away. There is a critical overdraft position," Mr. Sibal had informed the court.

On Centre's condition

On Wednesday, Justice Viswanathan asked the Centre, represented by Attorney-General R. Venkataramani and Additional Solicitor-General N. Venkataraman, whether it was fair to compel the State to withdraw a suit filed in exercise of its right to approach the Supreme Court directly against the Centre under Article 131 of the Constitution.

"They [Kerala] cannot have it both ways. It was not to twist somebody's arms that the condition of withdrawal of the suit was imposed," Mr. Venkataramani countered.

Justice Kant observed that by asking the State to withdraw its suit, the Union government was actually asking the Supreme Court not to judicially review the issue. The suit, Justice Kant noted, was the "first of its kind".

"We would like to hear the issue. We want to find a structured solution for it. If you both can resolve the immediate emergency, there will be time for the court to hear the suit," Justice Kant told both sides.

Massive relief: Kerala

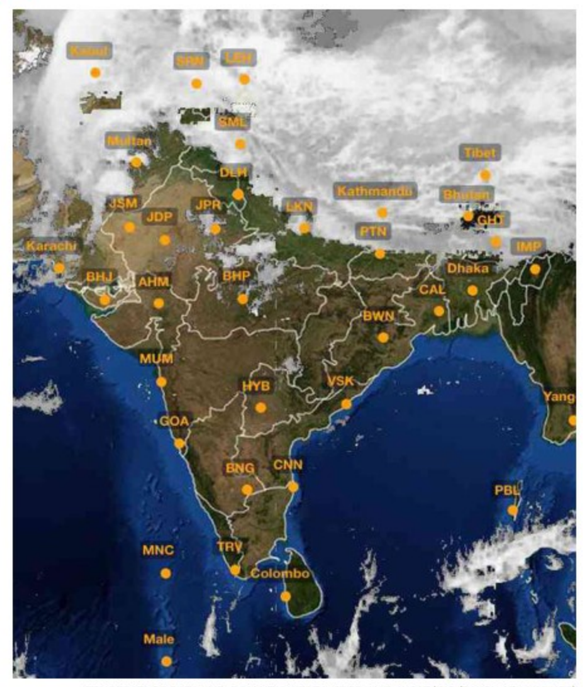
Kerala Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal termed the Supreme Court observation a "massive relief" for the State.

He said the State was allowed to borrow ₹13,600 crore to clear "unmet arrears and immediate obligations" despite the Central government's strident objection.

He said the State would continue its legal battle for "fiscal federalism" in the Supreme Court.

(With inputs from Thiruvananthapuram)

WEATHERWATCH



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Forecast for Thursday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.6	16.0	Kozhikode	—	36.0	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	32.2	14.6	Kurnool	—	39.7	25.6
Aizawl	—	29.4	—	Lucknow	—	25.6	10.5
Allahabad	—	28.0	10.4	Madurai	—	35.9	23.6
Bengaluru	—	34.5	22.2	Mangaluru	—	33.2	23.8
Bhopal	—	29.2	15.1	Mumbai	—	32.2	17.8
Bhubaneswar	—	34.7	23.8	Mysuru	—	35.9	—
Chandigarh	—	22.7	7.5	New Delhi	—	23.6	9.0
Chennai	—	34.0	22.8	Patna	—	26.5	12.6
Coimbatore	—	36.2	22.5	Port Blair	—	32.1	23.0
Dehradun	—	24.6	9.2	Puducherry	—	33.2	23.7
Gangtok	—	17.9	10.5	Pune	—	36.5	17.3
Goa	—	32.5	20.6	Raipur	—	36.2	21.8
Guwahati	—	30.8	13.2	Ranchi	—	27.2	12.3
Hubballi	—	37.0	20.0	Shillong	—	20.8	8.4
Hyderabad	—	37.4	23.8	Shimla	—	15.7	4.2
Imphal	—	26.7	9.6	Srinagar	—	13.5	-1.5
Jaipur	—	25.7	13.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	35.2	25.8
Kochi	—	31.8	27.0	Tiruchi	—	35.7	23.6
Kohima	—	21.4	—	Vijayawada	—	34.4	22.0
Kolkata	—	29.5	20.6	Visakhapatnam	—	33.1	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	18	.10	236	156	
Bengaluru	.12	.92	.44	92	127	
Chennai	4	9	.26	105	134	
Delhi	.20	.92	122	131	144	
Hyderabad	.14	.22	138	28	62	
Kolkata	.18	.66	.31	99	117	
Lucknow	6	.20	.72	67	105	
Mumbai	—	.77	.47	211	—	
Pune	.76	2	.89	294	341	
Visakhapatnam	.13	.44	.20	94	—	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 265 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Tumakuru, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

I wish to take time out of administrative work and be in lab: Sharath Ananthamurthy

Sathish G. T.
SHIVAMOGGA

Sharath Ananthamurthy, who has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Kuvempu University, wants to take some time out of busy administrative work to be in the laboratory and continue his work in biophysics.

Prof. Ananthamurthy, who has a Ph.D from Iowa University, U.S., has been trained in atomic and molecular physics. In recent years, he has been working in biophysics. "My work is on microorganisms. I use the novel tool optical tweezer, whose invention won Arthur Ashkin the Nobel Prize in 2018," Prof. Ananthamurthy told *The Hindu* over the phone on Wednesday.

"I am an academic. My first love lies in the laboratory. I want to spend time there with students. I am

Sharath Ananthamurthy

hoping to make myself free from the administrative work as Vice-Chancellor and fulfil my wish to continue my research," he said.

He is expected to assume charge of his new responsibility on Thursday.

Asked for his reaction to being chosen for the post, Prof. Ananthamurthy said, "Whenever we make mistakes or act immorally, we invoke the Indian constitution or invoke Mahatma Gandhi. Similarly, in my new job, I will have Kuvempu, the greatest poet, after whom the university has been aptly named. I will be remembering him every day."

Sharath Ananthamurthy, who has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, has been trained in atomic and molecular physics

Challenges

On the challenges that universities face, he said there has been a deep crisis of human resources, inadequate funding for public education, and corruption. "I will make efforts to live up to the expectations of those who appointed me. And, I do not have any self-interest. I have been appointed purely based on my merits and abilities. We will work towards strengthening the academic environment," he said.

Prof. Ananthmurthy's father, late U.R. Ananthamurthy, noted writer and Jnanapith award winner, worked as Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam, Kerala. Recalling those days, Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy said, "I was doing my Ph.D at Iowa University when my father was a Vice-Chancellor in Kerala. I noticed his style of functioning whenever I visited him those days. Those days, he spent time interacting with stakeholders at the university. He interacted with students, including those who were on strike. He used to sit with them and engage in a dialogue to sort things out. Now, the times have changed. However, his way of functioning will have an influence on me."

To counter Centre, Kerala to launch Sabari K-Rice

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In what is widely perceived as a move to counter the Centre's distribution of 'Bharat Rice', the Kerala government has decided to introduce 'Sabari K-Rice'.

Announcing this at a press conference on Wednesday, State Food and Civil Supplies Minister G.R. Anil said K-Rice is being launched with an intention to provide good quality rice at affordable rates to the public through Supplyco outlets. The existing supply of subsidised rice from Supplyco of 10 kg per card will continue, with K-Rice too forming a part of it.

Mr. Anil said that while high-quality varieties are being sold at subsidised rates under K-Rice, rice available at ₹18.59 per kg through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation Of India Limited (NCCF) is being sold as Bharat Rice at ₹29 per kg.

Dam safety team reaches Hyderabad to inspect Kaleshwaram project

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The six-member National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) experts team arrived in Hyderabad on Wednesday to conduct field inspection of the Medigadda Barrage of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) in Telangana. The team will also to study the status of other two barrages: Annaram and Sundilla.

During its three-day visit, the experts are scheduled to visit Medigadda and Annaram barrages on March 7 and Sundilla barrage on March 8.

A small portion of the bridge of the Medigadda barrage in Telangana's Jayashankar Bhupalpally district 'caved in' after pillar number 20 of Block 7 of the barrage had 'partially sunk' last year.

Meet with Minister

Upon arrival in Hyderabad, the team held a meeting with Telangana Minister for Irrigation N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and other irrigation authorities.

Mr. Uttam said that action would be taken against the contract agency L&T based on the preliminary report of the committee and a judicial probe into the Kaleshwaram project too would be instituted soon.

The team sought preliminary data on Annaram and Sundilla barrages on 19 aspects.

After returning to the city on March 9 from the field inspection, the experts team will hold a meeting with the authorities of Irrigation Department as well as representatives of contract agencies to chart out the schedule for detailed geological and geotechnical investigation at the site of barrages to find the exact causes for the damage.

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ADVT. NO DATE: 06-03-2024
Hiring of 07 Nos. professionals to work in various organizations of MA&UD Dept. on contract basis. NIUM is inviting application from eligible professionals for following positions:

Department	Job Role	Number of Positions	Experience
HMDA/MRDCL/TUFIDC	Legal Speciallist	03 Positions	Minimum 10 years
HMDA	IT Consultant	01 Position	Minimum 7 years
NIUM-IT	Chief Executive Officer - IT	01 Position	Minimum 20 years
NIUM	Knowledge Manager	02 Positions	Minimum 5 years

Intereted Candidates can apply on or before 12th March 2024. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. For more details visit www.nium.org.in/careers or email: hr@nium.org.in
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
GUINDY, CHENNAI – 600 025, Telephone No.: 044-22351015
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE Date: 07/03/2024
Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE) invites open e-tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender documents for the following:

Sl.No	Tender Ref. No	Brief Description of the Equipments / services	EMD (Rs.)	Last date and time for submission of tender
1.	016926/Y3/CDC/2023	Upgradation of the Government Polytechnic Colleges into Centres of Excellence in accordance with the Industry 4.0 standards in collaboration with Industry Partners.	5,00,00,000/-	29/04/2024 3.00 pm.

The tender document along with detailed specification of the equipments / services can be downloaded from the "Tamilnadu Government e-Tender website www.tntenders.gov.in."
Interested vendors may visit the above website and upload your bids through online only, Corrigendum if any, issued after publication of this Tender Notice will be published in the above e-tender website. You may please visit the site regularly.
DIPR/1402/TENDER/2024 Additional Director (Polytechnic), Directorate of Technical Education, Guindy, Chennai-25.

Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department
ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA
Office of the Project Director, State Program Management Unit (SPMU), #1/1, 2nd Floor, K.S.F.C Bhavan, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.
No: AJ/SPMU/PROC/17/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024
Short term Tender Notification
(Through kpp Portal)
SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana, invited tender from eligible bidders through kpp Portal for "Hiring of Vehicles along with Drivers on monthly and On-Demand Basis to SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojane, Bengaluru"
The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The tender document can be downloaded through "kpp Portal" from 06.03.2024 onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before 15.03.2024, 17.00 hrs. Further details can be obtained from the office hours from 10:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs.
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TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tender (E-Tendering Process)
E-tender with E-reverse auction through e-procurement platform at https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app as per the instructions in the tender specification Coal 155 Dated 06.03.2024 Procurement of imported Steam coal of any origin for delivery at Kamarajar Port, Ennore and Karaikal Port for a period of 2 years (2024-25 and 2025-26).

Sl No	Specification No.	Description of Work / Materials	Due date & Time for submission of e-tender
1	Coal - 155 Dated 06.03.2024	Procurement of imported Steam coal of any origin for delivery at Kamarajar Port, Ennore and Karaikal Port for a period of 2 years (2024-25 and 2025-26) through e-tender followed by e-reverse auction in the e- procurement platform in NIC portal.	15.04.2024 14:00 Hours

Submission of E-Tender : THROUGH THIS HYPERLINK https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
Date & Time of commencement of download of Tender Specification : 17:00 Hrs. on 26.03.2024
Date & Time of closing of download of Tender Specification : 14:00 Hrs. on 15.04.2024
Soft copy of Tender Specification:
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Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business,
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Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) for Consultancy Firm for Assessing Performance of Farmer Producer Companies supported by TNIAM Project
Publication Date: 07.03.2024
On behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu, Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business now invites eligible Consultancy Firms to indicate their interest in Assessing Performance of Farmer Producer Companies formed and supported by Tamilnadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Programme (TNIAMP). The Consultancy firm shall be responsible to work in close coordination with the Agri Marketing and Agri Business Department for a 4 months period and the payment for the service will be made by Department itself.
The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) including the Scope of Work, Eligibility criteria and the manner of submission of Expression of Interest (EoI) are available at the web site at www.agrimark.tn.gov.in
The consultancy firms fulfilling the conditions laid down in the eligibility criteria may submit Expression of Interest on or before 21.03.2024, 3.00 P.M in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, CIPET Road, Thiru.vi.Ka. Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600 032, Tamil Nadu, India.
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BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION
BASAVA BHAVAN, HIGH GROUNDS, BANGALORE 560001
Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986
First Appeal No. 582 / 2023
(Against the order dated 31st Dec 2022 in Compliant No. CC / 270 / 2021 of the District Forum Bangalore 3rd Additional)
Mr. Satish Kumar ....Petitioner / Complainant / Appellant
versus
Mr. Sanchit Gaurav .... Opposite Party / Respondent(s)
To,
Opposite Party / Respondent Name:
1. Mr Tibin Anthony,
VP and Founder, M/s Sarvaloka Services On-Call Private Limited (known as House-Joy) having its registered office at 1133 / 8, Service Road, RPC layout, Vijay Nagar, Bangalore 560040.
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Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.
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Free of guilt

Saibaba's acquittal underscores that there can be no guilt by association

The exoneration of former Delhi University professor G.N. Saibaba and five others of the charge of having Maoist links exposes the practice of invoking stringent laws based on nothing more than a person's likely association with or sympathy for extremist groups. Their acquittal by the Bombay High Court is notable for giving full meaning to the procedural safeguards that countervail the stringency of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. It also shines a light on the bail-denying features of the law that allows the state to imprison suspects for long years even though the evidence backing their arrest is doubtful or flimsy. In this particular case, five of the accused were arrested in 2013 and continued to be incarcerated since then, and one of them died during the pendency of the appeal. Mr. Saibaba was arrested in 2014. The trial court had convicted the six of them and sentenced five of them to life and awarded a 10-year term to the other. The case will also be remembered for a dubious reason: the Supreme Court's hasty intervention to stay their discharge by the High Court in 2022. They were discharged on the ground that the sanction given to prosecute them under UAPA was not valid, but an apex court Bench sat the very next morning, a Saturday, to stay the order, and later directed the High Court to pass a fresh judgment on merits. Many had questioned the haste with which the benefit of discharge was reversed.

The latest judgment is a complete repudiation of the prosecution case, holding that the seizure effected from the accused was not proved, the material relied upon by the state was inadequate and that there was nothing to link the accused with any terrorist act, conspiracy or membership of any Maoist organisation. It also found that the sanction given under UAPA to five of the accused was invalid because the report of the authority meant to review material against them independently was just a green signal for their prosecution, containing no discussion on the nature of the evidence. Further, the trial court had taken cognisance of the charge sheet against Mr. Saibaba even before the sanction, which came later, had been received. In its discussion on the use of UAPA against the accused, the Court has again emphasised that the more stringent a law is, the greater will be the need to adhere to procedural safeguards – the independent review was an additional safeguard introduced in UAPA in 2008. It reiterates the principle that mere possession of literature or publicity material, without any direct evidence linking suspects with a terrorist act, cannot be a ground to convict them under UAPA.

Slow and unsteady

The legislature should complement the judiciary in fighting corruption

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat has, at last, declared the Tirukkoyilur Assembly constituency as vacant following the conviction and disqualification of former Higher Education Minister K. Ponmudy in a disproportionate assets case in December last. The delay is in stark contrast to the way Vilavancode was declared vacant in February – here, the legislator concerned quit after changing her party affiliation. But, it is inexplicable why there was so much of a time lag for Tirukkoyilur even though the Madras High Court's order of conviction was not stayed by the Supreme Court, which had only exempted Mr. Ponmudy and his wife from surrendering despite the High Court's sentence of three-year simple imprisonment. The AIADMK General Secretary, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, had written to the Assembly Speaker, M. Appavu, urging him to act without bias in declaring the seat vacant. Mr. Ponmudy's disqualification fell under Section 8(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and not Section 8(3) under which Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi was disqualified after his conviction (now stayed by the Supreme Court) and two-year sentence in a criminal defamation case. Section 8(1) lists out offences covered under laws such as the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, and Prevention of Corruption Act and states that a conviction and mere imposition of a fine under those laws would be sufficient for a legislator's disqualification. The delay in the declaration of the vacancy becomes curiouser as jurists highlight that Section 8(1) uses the phrase "shall be disqualified". This means that the disqualification notification must necessarily take effect from the day when a legislator is convicted. In this case, it should have happened on December 19, 2023, when the High Court held Mr. Ponmudy guilty.

When the judiciary displays renewed interest in pursuing anti-corruption cases, especially those concerning lawmakers, it would do well for the legislature to act in tandem. Otherwise, there would be no purpose in having a system of special courts for cases involving MP/MLAs or an arrangement in the High Court to look after such cases, particularly after conviction is awarded. At a time when liberal democracy is facing serious challenges in India, the legislature supporting the judiciary in stamping out corruption in public life would instil confidence. At the same time, the judiciary and legislature should not be seen as failing to protect critics of the establishment. After all, democracy is about tolerating dissent and respecting it too. It is incumbent upon all to play by the rules of the game in a fair manner to avoid any impression that authoritarianism of the executive or "tyranny of the majority" in the legislature or judicial overreach is becoming the norm.

Speaking Pahari, seeking Anantnag

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kashmir on March 7 – for the first time since his government revoked Article 370 in 2019 – two weeks after his visit to Jammu, where he announced a slew of development projects, distributed letters of appointment to 1,500 new government recruits, opened an IIT campus and inaugurated the erstwhile State's first electric train. In Srinagar, he is to address a public meeting, and considering that elections are to be held soon, he is certain to make more announcements. But as far as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is concerned, two moves by the government in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) – one last month, and another in 2022 – have already paved the way for what it hopes will be its first ever Lok Sabha seat in the Kashmir Valley. That seat is Anantnag constituency in south Kashmir.

On February 6, the Lok Sabha passed the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024. It was passed in the Rajya Sabha three days later.

An amendment and a community's protests

The amendment expands the list of the State's Scheduled Tribes (ST) to add four groups to the existing 12: Pahari, Gadda Brahmin, Koli and Paddari. Of the other groups in the category, first drawn up in J&K in 1991, the Muslim community of Gujjar-Bakerwal were the most dominant.

Their protests that Paharis cannot be considered a tribe, but are a linguistic category encompassing several Hindu and Muslim castes, and include forward/upper castes, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes (SC), were to no avail.

The Gujjars argued that Paharis were socially, economically and educationally advanced, and well represented politically. They were also beneficiaries under three separate existing quotas in government employment and education – for people living near the Line of Control (LoC), for people living in backward and remote areas, and a 4% quota in government jobs, carved out specifically for Paharis in 2020.

The Paharis had since 1989 sought to be categorised as ST but the demand was rejected several times, including in 2014, when the Omar Abdullah government recommended it. But the BJP warmed up to its potential, and immediately after the revocation of Article 370 in 2019, began the prep work for it. The jobs quota for Paharis was announced within six months. In 2020, it also set up the Jammu & Kashmir Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission, which was headed by a retired judge, Justice G.D. Sharma.

The panel's recommendation for inclusion of Paharis as ST was reportedly made just before Union Home Minister Amit Shah's public rally in October 2022, at Rajouri and Poonch, on his first visit to J&K after the changes in August 2019. As word spread, thousands of Paharis attended the meeting, where Mr. Shah assured the community that it would be included as an ST soon. A month later, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes signed off on the recommendation.

The government introduced the Bill last August, but put off enacting it during the winter 2023 session due to large-scale protests by Gujjars. This time, the matter was not listed until the morning of the day it was taken up. The government was prepared for any outbreak of Gujjar protests, and prevented mobilisation, including by swiftly suspending Internet services in Rajouri-Poonch, the two Jammu districts where both communities are most numerous.

> The Bharatiya Janata Party's long-cherished wish for a toehold in Kashmir is taking shape in the form of an amended Scheduled Tribe list and a redrawn constituency

Reserved seats and a redrawn constituency

The other step came via the J&K Delimitation Commission, whose recommendations the government accepted in May 2022, months before the G.D. Sharma panel made its recommendations.

The Commission redrew the Union Territory's electoral map, carving out seven new Assembly constituencies – six in Jammu and one in Kashmir – taking the total to 90. (The pre-2019 J&K had 87 seats for the Indian side of the LoC, out of which four were in Ladakh). Nine seats were reserved for STs, the first time political reservation was extended to this category in J&K. As per Census 2011, the tribal population is 15 lakh (this included Ladakh).

Of the nine reserved ST seats, five are in Rajouri-Poonch, where, until February this year, the Gujjars were the predominant ST. The reserved seats were welcomed by the community as a long-awaited reward for its "loyalty" to India. But the joy was short-lived. As Paharis celebrated Mr. Shah's assurance five months later by lighting lamps and beating drums, the Gujjars read the writing on the wall.

Those identifying as Pahari-speakers constitute 7% of the total J&K population, that is about 9.7 lakh, according to the language/mother tongue data published in 2018 by the Census based on the 2011 enumeration. Gujjars, who speak Gujjari or Gojri, are 11.35 lakh.

In Rajouri, the 2011 Census identified a ST population of 22,9692. As Gujjars were the only ST in the district at the time, this can be taken as the number of Gujjars in Rajouri, just over 36% of its total population of 6,42,415. In Poonch, the corresponding number is 17,1011, or 36.93% of the district's population of 47,6835.

Everyone else is counted as Pahari. Without official recognition until now, Paharis were fragmented by their other identities – Hindus, Muslims, Sikh, SCs, and other dialect groups (Pahari comprises many dialects).

Sliced by religion, Rajouri was 62% Muslim, while Poonch was 90% Muslim.

Today, the two districts are tribal, and the Paharis are the dominant ST in seven of the eight Assembly segments in them.

The Delimitation Commission also did one other thing. Apparently to even out the number of Assembly segments in each parliamentary constituency, it broke through the natural division created by the Pir Panjal mountain range between Jammu and Kashmir, removed Poonch and Rajouri from the Jammu Lok Sabha constituency, and added it to Anantnag in South Kashmir. Further, it took out the Shopian Assembly constituency (Shopian is also a South Kashmir district), from the middle of the Anantnag parliamentary constituency, and made it a non-contiguous part of the Srinagar parliamentary constituency.

At the time, the new Anantnag-Rajouri constituency made little sense – by bringing together the Muslims of Jammu and Kashmir, it even mirrored the long-rejected Chenab formula. Given the newly minted tribal identity of the two districts, it is no longer that puzzling.

In a few weeks time, when elections in J&K's five parliamentary constituencies are likely to be held along with the rest of the country, the redrawn constituency and the amended J&K ST list together represent the BJP's long-cherished wish for a toehold in Kashmir.

The BJP's math

In 2019, the old Anantnag seat was won by the National Conference's (NC) Hasnain Masoodi, who defeated Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mehbooba Mufti. Since 1999, the constituency has been alternately held by Ms. Mufti and a different NC candidate each election.

The new Anantnag-Rajouri constituency has about 19 lakh voters. About 10 lakh are Kashmiri Muslim in the Anantnag part. Voter turnout is usually low due to the fear of militant attacks or other backlash. In 2019, the Pulwama attack had cast an additional shadow, and the turnout was 8.76%, a sharp drop from the 28.54% in 2014, the best turnout since 1999. The BJP will hope it stays low and divided between the regional parties.

Anantnag also has 40,000 Kashmir Pandit migrant voters. For the same security reasons, their participation is not assured.

Pahari voters number some 4.7 lakh, including some 40,000 on the Anantnag side. The BJP would hope that this community will set aside its internal religious divides and turn out in large numbers, especially in the comparatively safer Rajouri side. Strengthening these hopes, a host of Pahari leaders have recently quit the NC and joined the BJP.

The Gujjar-Bakerwal voters number over 4 lakh, including more than a lakh in the Anantnag areas. They were expected to be well disposed to the BJP for giving the community political reservation, and for extending, after the revocation of Article 370, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 to J&K.

But the saffron party cannot take this community's support for granted any more. It is not just their embitterment at sharing the 10% ST quota with Paharis. The Gujjar-Bakerwal's traditionally good relationship with the Indian Army has frayed with the spike in terrorist incidents in the Poonch-Rajouri area. The community is still reeling from the ghastly incident of torture-cum-three custodial deaths last December. Still, the BJP has not lost all hope, as evident from its recent addition of the prominent Gujjar leader Haji Mohammed Hussain from the NC.

The search is now on for the right candidate. The coming days will bring more clarity on how the BJP will work on its Mission Anantnag, but it is reasonable to expect the usual combination of *saam*, *daam*, *dand*, *bhed*.

The tale of 'have money, buy miracle drug'

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For almost every week in the last few months, newspapers have been publishing articles about the use of 'magic injections that guarantee weight loss'. This 'magic injection' contains a drug called Semaglutide. Originally used for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes mellitus, this drug also results in weight loss. However, many of the articles promoting these drugs fail to mention that this weight loss drug has not been approved for sale in India but is being administered by doctors to patients who are mostly affluent.

The press releases by global pharma companies advising patients not to use this product in India do not get any publicity in the media. The media is also guilty of not reporting the significant side-effects that these drugs can cause. For some of us who lived to tell the tale, this is eerily similar to Rimonabant and Fen-Phen.

Many decades ago, in the United States, another type of weight loss drug was marketed as a miracle weight loss cure. Soon, the miracle was demystified and pharma companies paid out approximately $4 billion in damages in mass tort litigation. Weight loss drugs, however, form only a small fraction of such unauthorised drugs.

Trials, sale approval in India, exceptions

Drugs are normally approved for sale in India only after the Indian subsidiary or licensee of the global brand owner conducts clinical trials. Once approved, the regulator mandates monitoring and reporting all adverse events for two years. Global pharma companies sometimes choose to stay out of the Indian market and not launch drugs in India. In such circumstances, patients can get a license from the drug regulator based on a doctor's prescription to import these drugs for personal use. Similarly, hospitals too can apply for import licences. But these are narrow exceptions to the rule that the drug needs to be tested in clinical trials in India and is available for sale only after approval by the drug regulator.

> That these 'magic drugs', which are being promoted in the media, have not undergone clinical trials in India highlights the role of the regulator and doctor

With these unapproved "miracle drugs", there have been no clinical trials in India. That means we do not know if Indians will react differently to the drug. Doctors in India will be unable to know how patients who may be taking other drugs for ailments such as diabetes and hypertension in India (that are not prescribed in most developed countries), will react to these injections. This is a significant risk that cannot be wished away easily. It is a risk that cannot be accurately estimated and mitigated.

Questions for doctors...

In this background, there are so many questions for doctors. Should doctors prescribe a new drug when it is not approved for sale in India? Are doctors recommending these drugs? Or are their clients demanding them based on new reports of miracles? What is the duty of the doctors in these situations? What are the incentives for the doctors? How many doctors administering these injections have studied the full-effects of these drugs? How many of these doctors have been trained to identify and treat adverse events? Do doctors not know that it is very likely that clients will be using illegally imported drugs as the drugs are not yet approved for sale in India?

The recent scandal about spurious imported drugs such as Adcetris, a drug used to treat a type of blood cancer, brings further attention to this issue. The drug regulator only issued an alert regarding spurious drugs after the World Health Organization did so in September 2023. This alert too was delayed by two years as the arrests made by the Mumbai police in October 2021 had brought this issue to light earlier. Therefore, this raises the question of how sure doctors are that the unapproved imported drugs they are administering are not dangerous fakes. Should not doctors be sure of the provenance of these drugs before administering them? In the case of Semaglutide, is it a wonder that doctors look like they are complicit in this scam when the pharma companies manufacturing these drugs have issued alerts?

... and the regulators

There are questions for government and drug regulators too. What is being done to control the import of these drugs? All it will take is for a few doctors to be arrested and sent to jail, which will be a deterrent.

And, finally, do we really care? After all, this seems like this is a rich man's problem as these are expensive drugs. What does it matter if a few rich people suffer as a result of this misadventure and their doctors make a tidy sum from it? These are like designer watches or scotch whisky. Who cares if they are being illegally imported? Who cares if they are fakes?

The government perhaps has more pressing priorities than to be bothered about this. We did not care when the poor died consuming spurious cough syrup either. So, who does the government care about?

One can only think of the song by Bob Dylan, "Blowin' in the Wind".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bank and bonds

It is a shame that State Bank of India (SBI), which boasts of being a pioneer in digitalising its operations, has sought five months' time from the Supreme Court, to collate and furnish the names and details of the donors of electoral bonds. Even a novice can fathom that the bank is trying to buy time only to save the face of the ruling party that has benefited the most from this scheme. The Court should not only refuse to accede to the bank's request but also reprimand it.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Is the State Bank of India functioning in the third century? We are unable to understand that when the Supreme Court has stated that it is the right of the people to know the truth about electoral bonds, then why does the SBI not want this information to be made public before the elections? If the top court's order is not respected by the largest bank, then this is a clear sign of a serious violation.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee,
Faridabad, Haryana

The bank's claim that "decoding data and matching donors to the donations is a complex process" is strange. This is a digital India. It is clear that there is pressure on the bank not to share key data.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Politics and the judge

Upon resigning or retiring, judges, especially those from the higher judiciary, ought to be asked to cool their heels for five years before joining politics or taking up any office of profit either in the government or the corporate sector ("Calcutta HC judge Gangopadhyay resigns, says he will join BJP", March 6). Second, all decisions made by these judges before their resignation must be subjected to a thorough review by the collegium.

M. Jameel Ahmed,
Mysuru

Safeguarding local democracy

On February 20, a three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud used its plenary powers to declare Kuldeep Kumar, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, as the validly elected Mayor of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation. With CCTV visuals indicating that the presiding officer had defaced some ballot papers in the mayoral polls, the Supreme Court conducted a physical examination of the ballots to determine the winner. The Court observed that in such cases it is duty-bound to intervene under Article 142 of the Constitution to ensure that "democracy is not allowed to be thwarted by such subterfuges".

However, just before the Court's verdict, three AAP councillors from Chandigarh joined the BJP. With the help of these defections, BJP candidates won the elections to the posts of deputy and senior deputy Mayor held on March 4. With the BJP now having a majority in the council and the Mayor possessing limited independent powers, the INDIA alliance has essentially lost control over the municipal corporation.

The shenanigans in Chandigarh raise questions regarding local democracy: the fair administration of local elections; the problem of local-level defections; and the challenge of ensuring democratic governance in Union Territories (UTs).

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Administering local elections

While elections to local governments are conducted by respective State Election Commissions, indirect mayoral elections follow an internal process. As per Section 60 of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act 1976, which has been extended to Chandigarh, the meeting for the election of the Mayor shall be convened by the Divisional Commissioner, who nominates a councillor, who is not a candidate for the election, to preside the meeting. Accordingly, Anil Masih, a nominated councillor, was nominated as the presiding officer for the meeting to elect the Mayor.

The problem here is that the municipal law allows the bureaucracy to appoint any councillor to preside over the election of the Mayor. In fact, in the 2022 Chandigarh mayoral elections, an elected BJP councillor was nominated as the presiding officer and the BJP mayoral candidate won by one vote after the vote of an AAP councillor was invalidated. It is in this context that the AAP candidate sought a court-monitored election this time and the Chandigarh administration agreed for the election process to be video-recorded. With depleting trust in internal election processes, it is important for municipal laws to institute stronger systems that ensure a fair process for indirect elections.

The other key issue the Chandigarh fiasco raises is the challenge of defections in local councils. After three AAP councillors defected to the BJP, the counsel representing the BJP Mayor as well as the Solicitor General of India submitted before the Supreme Court that fresh mayoral polls could be held. However, the Court held that setting aside the entire election due to the presiding officer's unlawful action would result in the "destruction of fundamental democratic principles" and used its inherent powers to declare the winner. Such a timely intervention prevented "horse-trading" in the mayoral elections, but could not avert a defection-enabled result in the subsequent deputy Mayors' elections. This reveals the fundamental limitations of judicial interventions that seek to fix deep political conundrums.

In case of defections in local governments, the scope for the court's intervention is limited since the anti-defection law under the 10th Schedule of the Constitution does not apply to panchayats and municipalities. Hence, moral and ethical questions aside, the BJP's win in the deputy mayoral polls is not strictly illegal. While States such as Karnataka and Kerala have passed specific laws prohibiting defections in local governments, in most States there are no clear statutory restrictions against defections. While political parties were initially envisioned to play a non-dominant role in local elections, the party-political nature of local governments is now a reality that cannot be ignored. Hence, there is a need to adopt clear statutory measures that can curb defections at the local level.

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The Chandigarh case also raises the larger challenge of ensuring local democracy in UTs, which have become flashpoints as the Centre expands its authority. In UTs with legislative assemblies, like Delhi and Puducherry, it sought to empower the Lieutenant Governor over the elected government. In UTs without legislative Assemblies, like Lakshadweep, the Centre-appointed administrator introduced sweeping legislative measures that locals have objected to.

The Centre's insatiable appetite for power does not preclude any political forum, whether it's a State, UT, or municipality. So, after attempts to enfeeble the elected government of Delhi failed, it sought to control the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by allowing nominated councillors to vote, which was thwarted by the Supreme Court last year. The ongoing political skullduggery in Chandigarh is the latest instance of an attempted power-grab. With the creeping centralisation of the Indian state, it is important to apply the principles underlying federalism and democracy to the elected forums of UTs and local governments as well. In UTs without legislative Assemblies, it is important to safeguard local governments as they are the only democratically accountable institutions in their jurisdiction.

A judge's entry into politics

Former Calcutta HC Judge joins BJP, triggering questions about his judgments

STATE OF PLAY

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Election season in West Bengal usually triggers a series of defections and politicians adept at gauzing the political weather make little hesitation in switching sides. However, something unusual occurred this election season in the State on March 5, when hours after resigning as a judge of Calcutta High Court, Abhijit Gangopadhyay announced his plans to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The 61-year-old former judge also made little qualms about eagerly awaiting a ticket from the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. "I was in touch with the BJP and the BJP was in touch with me," the former judge said.

This remark provided enough reasons for the Trinamool Congress leadership to question whether the orders that Mr. Gangopadhyay delivered as a judge were free from political bias. The State's ruling party which has suffered several setbacks in a series of orders delivered by the former judge, has sought review of all the orders.

The orders delivered by Mr. Gangopadhyay not only had far-reaching implications as far as the fate of thousands of job aspirants and teachers and non-teaching staff of the State was concerned, but they also dominated the political discourse in West Bengal since 2021.

The former judge had directed investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on at least 14 occasions in cases relating to the school and municipal recruitment scam in West Bengal.

Multiple FIRs were filed by agencies based on these orders and the investigation came as a major setback to the Trinamool Congress in its third term. Ministers, MLAs, and leaders of ruling parties were arrested, hordes of cash were seized and the commission in charge of requirements made to publish details of how examinations were manipulated and OMR (optical mark reader) sheets were forged to deprive deserving candidates.

What has surprised people of the State more than this sudden decision is the scathing political remarks made by someone who stood in judgment of the corruption in the recruitment system of West Bengal for the past several years. Mr. Gangopadhyay said that he could not join the party because he was a "proud Hindu" and chose to stay away from the Congress party as it was a party of a "single family". "Trinamool is not a political party. It is a *jatra* (rural theatre) party. The act they are performing in *Maa, Maati Manus*," he said making scathing references to Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

During his eventful and controversial career, the former judge who was appointed as Additional Judge in May 2018 and elevated as a permanent Judge of the High Court in July 2020, had on a number of occasions ruffled feathers with the bar.

On January 27, 2024, the Supreme Court of India had to intervene after Mr. Gangopadhyay made allegations against a senior judge at Calcutta High Court in his order accusing him of 'misconduct' and harbouring political bias in favour of the State's ruling dispensation. Earlier on April 28, 2023, the court stayed his order to place before him, by midnight, documents based on which the Supreme Court had earlier in the day reassigned a case to itself.

By severing ties with the judiciary five months before his superannuation, Mr. Gangopadhyay has now opened himself to the attacks of his political opponents who will not stop at criticising him but will raise questions on his judgments. This development will set a wrong precedent since judges have been considered immune to public criticism. The critics of Mr. Gangopadhyay are referring to a remark by former Union Minister, (the late) Arun Jaitley where the BJP leader had said "Pre-retirement judgments are influenced by post-retirement jobs".

Questions are also being raised as to the timing of his resignation particularly when the BJP is busy selecting candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in West Bengal.

Mr. Gangopadhyay said that he wanted to contribute to the people of the State using a 'larger platform' than the judiciary which had its limitations. The people of West Bengal are curious to see whether he would continue his fight against corruption in his second innings as a politician or whether he is only trying to use the political winds before the elections to his advantage.

Crimes against foreigners in India rarely result in convictions

Approximately, one in twenty rape cases in which victims are foreigners results in convictions

DATA POINT

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On March 1, a woman tourist from Spain camping with her husband was allegedly gang raped in Dumka district, Jharkhand, while travelling to Nepal from West Bengal. The incident occurred as the couple rested in a makeshift tent in a deserted area at Kurmahat village. According to a police source, eight people passing through the area stopped and assaulted the husband and raped the woman. The culprits also looted ₹10,000. The police have arrested eight persons in the case, so far.

The horrible incident bore chilling similarity to an incident in Madhya Pradesh, a decade ago, when a Swiss tourist was gang raped in Datia district, while on a cycling trip with her partner. She was camping near National Highway 75, close to a local police station. Six convicts were awarded life sentences in the case. In 2018, a Latvian woman disappeared near Pothencode, Thiruvananthapuram. Her body was discovered 40 days later. The prosecution argued that she was drugged, raped and murdered. In 2022, two persons were convicted in the case by a district court.

The above cases are examples of the few crimes against foreigners which resulted in arrests by the police and convictions by the courts in India. Data shows that most crimes committed against foreigners in India rarely reach the courts and convictions are even rarer. In the seven years between 2016 and 2022, 148 rape cases in which victims are foreigners have been recorded in India. In the same period, only 16 rape cases were disposed of by the courts. Disposal of cases includes convictions, discharges, acquittals, or even disposals without trial if the case gets quashed, withdrawn, abated or ended in a plea bargain. So disposals are some action taken by the court in a case.

Of those 16 cases, only seven resulted in convictions. So, approximately one in about 20 rape cases in which victims are foreigners result in convictions. This is only an approximation as even these seven convictions could have come in cases filed much before 2016. However, when cases reported and convictions achieved are compared over a period (in this case, seven years), it gives a sense of the volume of cases reported to the police and how many ultimately result in convictions.

Chart 1 shows a comparison of the incidents of crimes against foreigners reported to the police and the number of cases disposed of by the courts and those which resulted in convictions in the 2016 to 2022 period. Only a few types of crimes in which case volumes were high have been considered for analysis. For instance, 65 cases were reported under the Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act and no convictions were recorded. In the seven years, 35 forgery cases were reported and no convictions were recorded. Approximately, one in 88 thefts resulted in convictions. In the period considered, 79 foreigners were murdered, and in the same period, only three convictions were achieved.

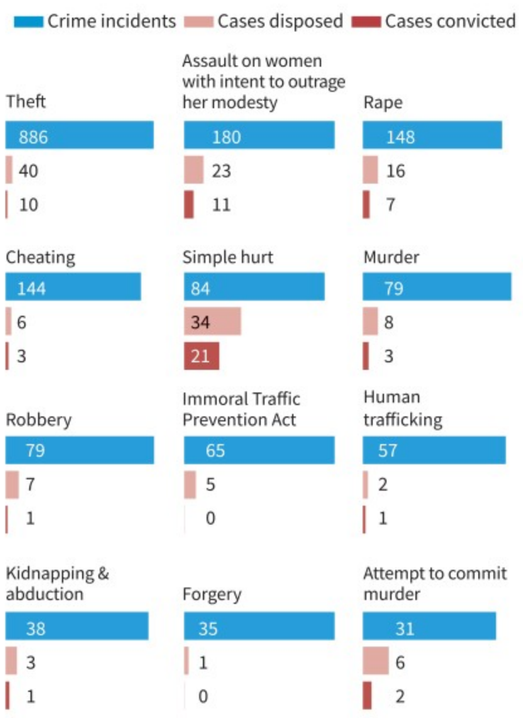
The information in **Chart 1** pertains to those cases which resulted in some action by the courts, either conviction or otherwise. But, many cases continue to be stuck in different stages of the trial for years, leading to an increasing backlog of court cases in which victims are foreigners. **Chart 2** shows the number of court cases pending at the end of each year, in which victims are foreigners. The number of rape cases pending increased from 33 in 2016 to 131 in 2022. Cases of assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty increased from 70 to 137 in the period. Number of murder cases pending increased from 21 to 69.

Justice delayed and justice denied

The data for the charts were sourced from the National Crime Records Bureau's Crime in India report

Crime scene: Sleuths from the Crime Investigation Department inspect the spot where a 45-year-old Spanish woman was allegedly gang raped, in Dumka district of Jharkhand. PTI

Chart 1: The chart shows the incidents of crimes against foreigners reported, no. of cases disposed of by the courts and those which resulted in convictions between 2016 and 2022



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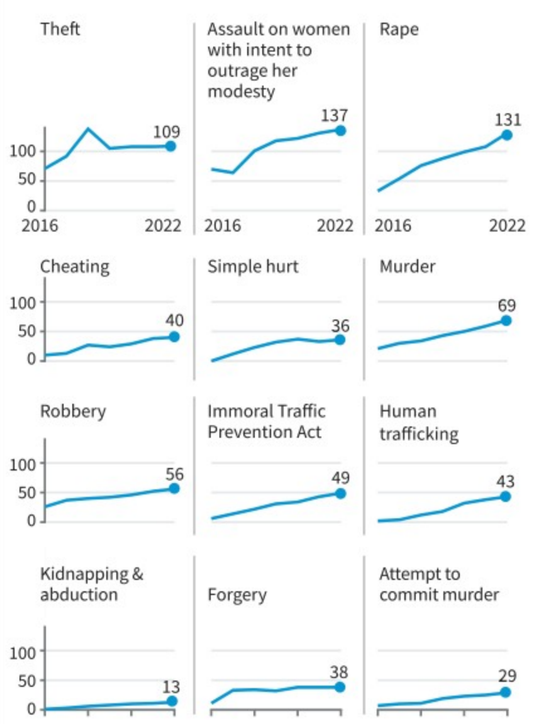

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 7, 1974

Huge accumulation of ingots at steel plants

New Delhi, March 6: Production of steel ingots at Durgapur and other steel plants under Hindustan Steel Limited is now being 'regulated' to reduce the huge accumulation of ingots at the plants caused by the inadequacy of rail wagons.

This was stated by the Steel and Mines Minister K.D. Malaviya, during discussion on a calling attention motion on the accumulation of steel ingots at the Durgapur steel plant.

Mr. Malaviya said these accumulated stocks of ingots were being sent to other steel plants like Bhilal and TISCO for rolling them into steel.

In order to prevent further accumulation of ingots at this plant, it has been decided by authorities to maximise the production of salable pig iron, matching the production of ingots for rolling with the available rolling capacity and moving ingots to other plants as before.

He said Rourkela and Bhilal steel plants also had accumulated steel ingots in the past two months because of constraints on movement and lower utilisation of rolling capacity.

Mr. Malaviya hoped the situation would improve shortly as he was in touch with the Railway Minister on removing quickly these constraints.

Mr. H.D. Malaviya (Cong.), who sponsored the motion, wanted the government to put an end to the alleged widespread corruption in the allotment of wagons.

The Minister admitted that there was some non-cooperation from the INTUC, but he could not condemn any one without ascertaining facts – UNI and PTI.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 7, 1924

British army Budget.

London, March 6: The army estimates for 1924-25 are for forty-five millions sterling, compared with 52 millions for last year. The establishment excluding India is 152,000 men compared with 154,000 last year.

Mr. Walsh, in a memorandum, states that the last Indian units having been withdrawn from Palestine. It has been arranged with the Colonial office that a British cavalry regiment no longer necessary in India, should be stationed there.

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Trees in Corbett fell prey to nexus, says SC

The court said the proposed specialised committee of the Ministry would comprise representatives of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Wildlife Institute of India, Central Empowered Committee and a Joint Secretary from the Ministry.

Panel to assess damage

The panel would assess the extent of damage done to the Corbett reserve's green cover, quantify the cost of restoration and identify the "delinquent" persons and officials responsible for the damage.

The court said the cost for restoration would be recovered from these errant individuals and officials. The money would be used exclusively for forest restoration.

The Bench said in case the committee's recommendations were in favour of having tiger safaris in peripheral areas of tiger reserves, it should recommend guidelines for their operation. The guidelines would be applied on a pan-India basis. The committee has to file its report in three months.

Hyderabad man forced to fight for Russia, dies

"On November 13, they were made to sign a one-year agreement, which was in Russian, a language he did not know. Believing the agent, he signed the agreement," Mr. Imran said, adding that it was only later that he realised they would be fighting alongside the Russian armed forces. Despite this development, the travel agent assured the family that Mr. Asfan would not have to fight.

'Cheating unemployed youth'

Another youth from Narayanpet in Telangana, Mohammed Sufian, has also been stranded in Russia. His elder brother, Syed Salman, told *The Hindu* that Mr. Sufian described the situation as "PUBG, but in real life".

BJD, BJP hold parallel meetings over tie-up

In New Delhi, former Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram said the State unit of the BJP had proposed to go it alone in the elections but it was up to the Central leadership to take a final call on the issue of alliance.

If the announcement about formal alliance is made, both the parties would tie up again after a gap of 15 years.

For over a month now, there has been speculation about the BJP and the BJD returning to the alliance. It gathered momentum recently. Since February first week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made two visits to Odisha, addressing public gatherings each time. Notably, he had chosen to refrain from attacking the State government during these visits. Mr. Patnaik had shared the stage with the Prime Minister on two separate official functions during the visits adding fuel to the rumours.

During his March 5 visit, Mr. Modi offered glowing tributes to the late Biju Patnaik on the leader's 108th birth anniversary. He did not utter a single word on the failures of the State government.

Sanatana row: HC calls remarks 'divisive'

"Statements made in public by sitting Ministers and Members of Parliament must be factually and historically accurate," she said.

The judge added: "While there may be ideological differences between persons holding power, the differences are expected to be based on a thorough understanding of the system being critiqued and importantly to be constructive and not destructive of any faith."

"Whatever may be their personal ideology, members holding constitutional positions can espouse only one morality and that is the morality propounded by the Constitution," she said.

'Pakistan should not use loans for defence bills'

The development assumes significance as Pakistan's newly formed government, led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, is pursuing "immediate talks" with the IMF to seek additional funding support, including the $1.2 billion residual balance under the SBA which expires next month, and beyond.

The IMF's support had helped cash-strapped Pakistan stave off an imminent external payments crisis that it faced last June when forex reserves had dwindled to just $3.5 billion, barely enough to pay a month's import bill.

Pakistan's economy – hit by severe floods in 2022, external shocks, and sharp inflation – had contracted in 2022-23.

The country's financial year runs from July to June.

Storm of Sandeshkhali will rage across Bengal, says PM

Narendra Modi says women voters will come out in large numbers to 'destroy the mafia rule' by Trinamool Congress govt. that is bent on protecting extortionists and those committing crimes

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the BJP's Mahila Morcha members at Barasat on Wednesday. ANI

Accusing the Trinamool Congress government of using all its might to shield those accused of the Sandeshkhali violence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the "storm of Sandeshkhali" would rage across West Bengal and bring an end to the Trinamool regime.

"The anger of women will not be limited to Sandeshkhali alone. The storm of Sandeshkhali will rage across Bengal. I can see that the women of Bengal have come out to destroy the mafia rule of West Bengal," the Prime Minister said addressing the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) *Nari Shakti Vandana* rally at Barasat in North 24 Parganas district.

Mr. Modi said the Trinamool had committed a sin in Sandeshkhali and the people were hanging their heads in shame over the development.

'Anti-women party'

Addressing his third political rally in West Bengal in a week, Mr. Modi highlighted the efforts of the Trinamool government to shield the accused in the Sandeshkhali violence.

He accused the Trinamool Congress government of being anti-women and said that only the BJP could give voice to the women of the State.

"The Trinamool government which works under the influence of extortionists and those believing in appeasement politics cannot provide security to women. On the other hand, the BJP government at the Centre has brought provision of death penalty for crimes like rape," he said.

The public meeting at Barasat was organised by the BJP to highlight the Sandeshkhali issue and may women had come to meet the Prime Minister. Sources in the BJP said that the victims of violence at Sandeshkhali shared their ordeal with Mr. Modi.

Sandeshkhali, where allegations of land grab and sexual assault have triggered an outrage, has emerged as a poll plank for the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

"We have created a helpline so that our sisters can easily complain in times of crisis. However, the Trinamool government is not allowing this system to be implemented here. Such an anti-women government can never do any good for women," the Prime Minister said.

He also targeted the leaders of the Opposition INDIA bloc and said that sensing the return of the NDA government, the leaders of the Opposition had started hurling abuses at him. "These corrupt leaders of the bloc are asking about my family, claiming that Modi does not have his own family; this is because I speak against dynasty politics and nepotism," he said. "The entire country is my family, 140 crore Indians are my family," the Prime Minister said.

Mamata hikes salaries

As the politics in the State has become centred on women ahead of the elections, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday hiked the salary of ASHA and anganwadi workers. Ms. Banerjee said ASHA workers would receive a hike of ₹750 every month, and the monthly remuneration for anganwadi workers would be increased by ₹500.

CBI takes custody of Sheikh Shahjahan in ED official attack case

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Sheikh Shahjahan

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday got the custody of suspended Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan in a case involving an attack on Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on January 5.

The handover came a day after a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court presided by Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam ordered that the case involving the attack on ED officials and the custody of the accused be granted to the CBI by 4.30 p.m.

On Tuesday, a team of CBI officials visited the State police headquarters but had to return empty-handed.

Earlier in the day, the ED moved a contempt petition before a Division Bench presided by Justice Harish Tandon against the State government, claiming that it had not implemented Tuesday's orders of a Division Bench presided by the Chief Justice.

The High Court noted that though the West Bengal government has pleaded that it had filed before the Supreme Court a special leave petition (SLP) challenging Tuesday's judgement, there was no interim stay granted on the implementation of the orders till the time it was passing its order.

On Wednesday, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the West Bengal Police handed custody of the accused to the CBI at 6.40 p.m.

Health check-up

Before handing Mr. Shahjahan over to the CBI, the CID took him to a State-run hospital for a medical check-up. The CBI officials took him to the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital and then to Nizam Palace, where Mr. Shahjahan will be lodged.

Allegations of land grab and sexual assault by villagers, particularly women, in Sandeshkhali, have been made against Mr. Shahjahan and his aides. The region was on the boil for weeks till the West Bengal Police arrested the Trinamool leader on February 29. The delay in handing over the accused to the CBI despite the High Court's order has triggered strong reactions from the Opposition.

PM launches India's first underwater Metro line in Kolkata

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated Kolkata Metro's Esplanade-Howrah Maidan section, which passes below the mighty Hooghly river through the country's first underwater transportation tunnel.

He also took a ride on a Metro train from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan and interacted with school students during the journey passing through the tunnel, which is a testament to the country's engineering capabilities.

Mr. Modi returned to the Esplanade station through the same route, and was accompanied by Leader of the Opposition in the State, Suvendu Adhikari, during the trip.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee did not attend the programme.

The 4.8-km Esplanade-Howrah Maidan stretch, which is a part of the East-West Corridor, has been built at a cost of ₹4,965 crore, officials said.

The ₹1,430-crore Kavi Subhash-Hemanta Mukhopadhyay section of the New Garia-Airport line was also inaugurated from the function at the Esplanade Metro station. The stretch, which is 5.4 km long, will bring the areas in the south-eastern parts of Kolkata on the Metro map, officials said.

These sections will help decongest road traffic and provide seamless and easy connectivity, a statement said.

Pannun puts out poster threatening Indian High Commissioner to Canada

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, who has been in the news for his pro-Khalistan activities, has once again come into focus after he put out a poster that is suggestive of violent attacks against Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma.

The poster in question began circulating in North American social media after the India Canada Chamber of Commerce announced that Mr. Verma would participate in a networking event to be held in Edmonton on March 11.

"We have always tried to carry all sections of the Indo-Canadian community in our work and neither the High Commissioner nor we have cancelled the programme despite the posters. We believe that while living outside, we are all known because of our Indian roots and there is no difference among us. So we hope this problem can be overcome before the event," said Ravi Prakash Singh, Chair, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (Alberta).

Soon after the organisers sent out the poster of the event, another poster bearing the face of murdered pro-Khalistan figure Hardeep Singh Nijjar began to spread online. It also had Mr. Verma's image painted in the middle of a target, saying, "Challenge, target, question."

Aggressive campaign

Pannun has in the past courted controversy by calling on international passengers to avoid Air India, hinting that the airline could suffer sabotage.

His aggressive poster campaign, which in the past linked Indian diplomats based in the U.K., Canada, the U.S. and Australia with the Nijjar assassination, had been cited by India to shut down its consular services, including e-visas for Canadians. The e-visa services were restarted in November 2023.

Nijjar was shot and killed by unknown assassins in Surrey, British Columbia in June 2023. The incident subsequently became a political hot potato when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in a startling statement accused Indian secret service agents of being responsible for the murder.

The India-Canada relations, which have been on a downward spiral ever since, recovered somewhat in January after outgoing Canadian National Security Adviser Jody Thomas said India had begun cooperating with Canada in its investigation to find the killers of Nijjar.

Meanwhile, another case involving Pannun hit the headlines after the American authorities accused an overseas Indian, Nikhil Gupta, of trying to kill the pro-Khalistan lawyer.

Hundreds rally in Ladakh seeking Statehood, Sixth Schedule inclusion

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

In one voice: Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance supporters stage a protest on Wednesday. ANI

Ladakh witnessed a shutdown and a protest rally on Wednesday calling for the grant of Statehood to the newly created Union Territory (UT) and inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The protest comes after inconclusive talks between groups representing Ladakh - the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) - and the Union Home Ministry.

"All religious organisations called for Leh Bandh in support of the LAB and KDA after the meeting with the Ministry of Home Affairs failed on March 4," Jigmat Paljor, coordinator of the LAB, said. Hundreds of peaceful protesters assembled at Leh's NDS Ground. A shutdown was observed in Kargil district.

A call for a bandh and 'Leh Chalo' was issued jointly by the LAB and the KDA.

Ladakh groups have been negotiating with the Ministry on three major demands: Statehood, inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, and creating an exclusive Public Service Commission for Ladakh. There is also a demand to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats from one to two.

Wangchuk to fast

Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, while addressing the gathering at Leh, announced that he would go on a fast to press for the region's demands.

"I want to follow the peaceful methods of Mahatma Gandhi, where he inflicted pain on himself. I want to inflict pain on myself rather than taking anyone hostage," Mr. Wangchuk said.

Suspension of 7 BJP MLAs from Delhi Assembly set aside

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday set aside the suspension of seven Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs for interrupting Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena's address in the Assembly last month.

Terming the suspension by the Speaker "grossly unconstitutional", the MLAs – Vijender Gupta, Ajay Kumar Mahawar, Anil Kumar Bajpai, Om Prakash Sharma, Jitender Mahajan, Mohan Singh Bisht and Abhay Verma – had approached the High Court challenging the decision.

The MLAs alleged that as the BJP had only eight legislators in the 70-member Assembly, suspension of seven of them was an attempt to silence the Opposition's voice during the crucial Budget session.

The petitioners submitted that as there were allegations against them that they had disrupted the speech of the L-G, they had apologised to him and had also sent the apology acceptance letter to the Speaker.

Justice Subramonium Prasad passed the order for reinstatement of the MLAs.

The court held that the Speaker had not taken the decision independently and maintained that the matter was required to be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Former Union Minister Jena returns to Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister Srikant Jena who was expelled from the Congress in 2019 returned to the party on Wednesday at a time when speculation is rife about an alliance between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha. The State is due to hold its Assembly election simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections.

Speaking at a press conference to announce Mr. Jena's return to the Congress, the party's Odisha in-charge, Ajoy Kumar, said that the BJP and the BJD had been in a "live-in relationship", adding that it was high time that the "marriage" between the two parties be made official.

"There is only one Opposition party here: the Congress. The whole Opposition space is ours," Mr. Kumar said.

Cong. drafts manifesto with focus on jobs, aid for poor

Draft to be placed before CWC for approval; proposals include ₹6,000 every month to 20% of the poorest households, GST revamp, social security measures for gig workers, and tax cuts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The universal basic income idea may have not worked for the Congress in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, but the party will reintroduce the concept in its 2024 manifesto.

A copy of the draft manifesto was presented to party president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday by P. Chidambaram, who heads the party's Manifesto Committee. In a post on X, Mr. Kharge wrote, "Our Draft Manifesto based on "NYAY" for the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections is ready".

It will now be placed before the Congress Working Committee (CWC) for its final approval.

The manifesto has a clear focus on employment and livelihood issues, anti-inflationary measures, and social justice. The guarantee template, which has been used by the party in the recent Assembly elections, will be back with *nyuntam aay yojana* (nyay) or universal basic income guarantee. The party proposes to give ₹72,000 annually or ₹6,000 every month to 20% of the poorest households if it comes to power at the Centre. The women of these households will be entitled to the scheme.

New promises: Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge receiving the party's draft manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. PTI

Sources said party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is in the manifesto committee, pushed for this idea.

The party could also promise one-third reservation for women in government jobs. Other proposals include doubling of scholarship amounts at every level, setting up start-up funds, funding for sportspersons, and social security measures such as pension for gig workers.

The party's economic proposals include revamping the goods and services tax (GST) to provide a level playing field for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Tax cuts

Jobs creation will be a focus area and for that, the party is likely to promise tax cuts to incentivise private sector investments.

The party also argues that the "climate of fear" needs to go and a "harmonious society" needs to be created to boost investments. Towards this end, the party could promise to take a relook at the powers of Central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax Department.

Lalu, Rabri are the 'biggest offenders' of Bihar: Modi

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

In a scathing attack on former Bihar Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad and his wife Rabri Devi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday called them "the biggest offenders" of the State.

He also took a dig at the Indian National Development, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) for perpetuating "dynasty rule" and "corruption".

The Prime Minister pointed out that after Independence, Bihar had been grappling with the migration of its youth.

"When the Jungle Raj government was formed in Bihar, the migration increased manifold. People who brought about Jungle Raj were only bothered about their own family and put the future of lakhs of youth at stake. Bihar's youth kept moving to the other States in search of livelihood and only one family thrived," Mr. Modi said while addressing a rally at Bettiah in West Champaran district of Bihar.

Extensive plans: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being garlanded during an event at Bettiah on Wednesday. PTI

He also referred to the land-for-jobs scam case, in which Mr. Prasad and his family members have been questioned by the Central agencies, and asked the people if "such a family could be forgiven".

"Land was captured under the pretext of giving jobs. Can any human being forgive such people who grabbed land? The family which brought in Jungle Raj is the biggest offender of Bihar. The NDA government has protected Bihar from Jungle Raj and is promoting development," Mr. Modi said.

Mr. Modi added that the NDA had been making all attempts to ensure that the youth of Bihar got employment in their own State.

Attacking the INDIA bloc, Mr. Modi said the NDA government was trying to make people self-dependent in electricity through solar power but the INDIA bloc still wanted people to live by the light of a *lalten* (hurricane lamp, symbol of the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the party of Mr. Prasad and Ms. Rabri).

EC asks Rahul to be cautious in his public utterances

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India (EC) has issued an advisory to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, asking him to be cautious in his public utterances and take note of the poll body's March 1 advisory for parties and star campaigners.

The advisory comes following a Delhi High Court directive of December 21, which said that Mr. Gandhi's speech in November 2023 calling the Prime Minister "pickpocket" was not in good taste. The court had asked the poll body to decide the matter in eight weeks.

In its March 1 advisory, the EC had warned political parties, specially star campaigners, to maintain decorum in public campaigning and refrain from making appeals on the basis of caste or communal politics, or make false statements without factual basis that could mislead voters. The EC had warned that star campaigners and candidates who had received notices in the past would face stern action for repeated violations of the model code.

Former Trinamool MLA Tapas Roy joins BJP; may contest poll

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Two days after he quit the Trinamool Congress, former party MLA Tapas Roy on Wednesday joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The five time MLA was welcomed in the BJP by State party president Sukanta Majumdar and Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari. After switching sides, Mr. Roy said that the Trinamool had become a party of the likes of Sheikh Shahjahan.

Mr. Roy had also expressed his displeasure against veteran Trinamool leader and Kolkata Uttar MP Sudip Banerjee. Speculation is rife that Mr. Roy will contest the Lok Sabha elections from Kolkata Uttar on BJP ticket.

"I have joined the Bharatiya Janata Party today as I want to fight against the misrule and atrocities of the Trinamool," Mr. Roy said.

The BJP leaders said Mr. Roy's presence would strengthen the party.

Tapas Roy

ED search

He had also expressed his sadness that Trinamool chairperson Mamata Banerjee did not stand by him when his residence was searched by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on January 12 over alleged irregularities in municipal recruitment.

Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee shared a photograph of the former Trinamool leader greeting the BJP leadership with folded hands and said that Mr. Roy had joined the saffron party after his house was searched by the ED.

Ex-judge to join BJP

Abhijit Gangopadhyay who resigned as a judge of the Calcutta High Court on Tuesday is expected to join the BJP on Thursday. Justice Gangopadhyay may also be fielded by the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Uddhav, Sharad attend seat-sharing meeting

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), a coalition of the Congress, the Shiv Sena (UBT), and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Wednesday said it had completed seat-sharing discussions on all 48 Lok Sabha seats. The meeting was attended by former Union Minister Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray, Congress's Balasaheb Thorat and other senior leaders.

Inviting the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi for the 'crucial' discussions, the three allies engaged in over three hours of meeting.

Sources told *The Hindu* that the Thackeray-led Sena was adamant about contesting in 18 seats won by the undivided Sena in the previous LS elections. "A decision has been made and the seat-sharing formula will be announced soon," a Congress leader said.

Shah acts firm with Shinde and Ajit Pawar, urges allies to 'be reasonable'

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

Amid the seat-sharing turmoil within the ruling Mahayuti alliance, Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a series of election-related meetings with the Bharatiya Janata Party's partners in Maharashtra – Chief Minister Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena) and Ajit Pawar (NCP) – through late Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

According to sources, Mr. Shah is said to have acted "firmly" with the BJP's coalition partners, and the saffron party is expected to stake claim on the maximum number of Lok Sabha seats of the total 48 in the State.

Crucial talks: Home Minister Amit Shah with Eknath Shinde, Devendra Fadnavis, and Ajit Pawar in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

While the division is yet to be announced, leaders within the BJP, requesting anonymity, said that their party could contest on as many as 32 to 34 seats, leaving 10 for Mr. Shinde's Shiv Sena faction and a mere four, or even less, for Mr. Pawar's NCP.

During his two-day tour of the State, Mr. Shah presided over hectic late-night meetings with Mr. Shinde and both the Deputy Chief Ministers, Ajit Pawar and Devendra Fadnavis, to resolve the intense wrangling that has arisen between the three ruling allies.

Mr. Shah is reported to have told his allies to "be reasonable" and not demand more seats just for the sake of it, said sources, who also claimed that a consensus had been reached on most of the seats and that the parleys were constructive.

NCP (Ajit Pawar faction) leader Chhagan Bhujbal, meanwhile, said that their party should be accorded the same number of seats as will be given to the Shinde-led Sena faction.

Prior to the meetings with Mr. Shah, the Shinde camp leaders had repeatedly said they would not contest on anything less than 22 seats, while the Pawar-led NCP faction had demanded 10 seats.

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INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED VIROLOGY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-tender ID:2024_HITE_189396_1 **05.03.2024**
Online bids are invited from experienced agencies for the work of Design, Construction, Testing, Commissioning and Validation of **BSL-3 Laboratory, BSL-2 Laboratory and Animal Facility (EPC Mode)** including operation & maintenance. For details visit **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app, www.hllhites.com/tenders and https://iav.kerala.gov.in/**
Sd/- **Director**

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,
PUDUKKOTTAI ROAD, KOTTAPATTU, TRICHIRAPPALLI - 620 023.
Ref.No. 19412/MKTG/2024 – 2026 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 29.02.2024
Invited two part sealed tender from eligible contractors to engage hired vehicles in Tiruchirappalli Union for the period of 2 years.

Name of the work	Contract period	Tender value (Rs. Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender No.
Milk distribution vehicles	2 years	854	12,000	19412/MKG/2024-2026
By Product vehicles	2 years	78	12,000	19412/MKG/2024-2026
T- Board Taxi	2 years	18	12,000	19412/MKG/2024-2026

The tender forms can be downloaded from **tntenders.gov.in** on free of cost from the date of issue of tender notice downloaded from **07.03.2024** onwards. The Pre- Bid meeting will be held on **15.03.2024** at **11.00 AM** in Tiruchirappalli District Cooperative Milk producers Union, Trichy. The EMD must be paid only Through Online **tntenders.gov.in** and duly filled tender forms should be submitted on or before **12.04.2024** by **4.00 PM** through online e procurement portal **tntenders.gov.in** only. The opening of the tender forms will be on **15.04.2024** by **11.00 AM.** The General Manager has power to accept, reject, or cancel the tender partially or fully. All other details are enclosed with the tender form.
DIPR/1366/TENDER/2024 **DRO /GENERAL MANAGER, Trichy DCMPU Ltd.**

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER
ABRIDGED NIT
The **CMHO (Health Deparetment), KMC** invites quotation online item rate two bid system for the following work:
NIT No. : KMC/CMHO/28/2023-24 Dated : 06.03.2024
Name of work : **Operation and Maintenance (O & M) and overall management of established Modern Abattoir for Buffaloes including construction of a Meat Processing Unit and a Bone Rendering Plant and its operation & maintenance**. Anticipated Cost : **Nil.** Earnest Money: **Rs. 30,00,000.00**. Last date of submission of bid: **30.03.2024** till **2 p.m.** The other details are available on and from **07.03.2024** from the website **https://etender.wb.nic.in** or **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
1533/23-24

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY
#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001
E-mail: dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in
No. DMG-17012/4/2024/2023-24 **Date: 06 March 2024**
C. No. 1307359
NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Exploration Licence (EL) for Devadurga block (Gold, Copper & Lithium)"
In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10BA of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka is conducting auction for grant of Exploration Licence through auction and hereby invites tenders for electronic auction.
List of mineral blocks for Exploration Licence through auction

S. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Sq. Km)	Tender fee
1.	Devadurga Block	Raichur & Yadgir District	Gold, Copper & Lithium	850	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST

Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd **(http://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp)**.Interested bidders may visit the MSTC Ltd website.
Sd/-
DIRECTOR,
Department of Mines & Geology
DIPR/CP/4092/Zenkar/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MADURAI
(Construction &Maintenance) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No.63 / 2023-24 / HDO, Dated: 05.03.2024
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **08.04.2024 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, **Madurai** Circle for the Work of, **"Construction of Vaigai river North Bank Road KM 0/0-8/0 from Kamarajar Bridge to Varanasi - Kanyakumari Road (NH44) near Samayanallur "** pertaining to Madurai (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **14.03.2024** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
DIPR / 1362 / TENDER / 2024 **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Madurai Circle.**

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Gujarat Resilient Cities Partnership : Ahmedabad City Resilience Project
Drainage Project / PIU : E-Tender Notice 2023-2024
Name of Work :
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for works and operation service for Design, Build and Operation of new 424 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant with operation and maintenance for 10 years at Pirana area for the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India under Gujarat Resilient Cities Partnership : Ahmedabad City Resilience Project. (Estimated capital cost 839.03 Cr.)

Prebid meeting :-	**Date:- 18/03/2024 at 15:30 Hrs.**
Online Submission up to :-	**Date:- 13/05/2024 up to 12:00 Hrs.**
Date of RFP (Technical Bid) Opening :-	**Date:- 13/05/2024 up to 12:30 Hrs.**
Details and Tender available on :-	**www.eprocure.gov.in** **Municipal Commissioner**

INBRIEF

ED files chargesheet in cryptomining 'app' case

A chargesheet has been filed under the anti-money laundering law against 299 entities, including 10 persons of Chinese origin, in an investigation linked to alleged duping of investors in the name of mining cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoins, the Enforcement Directorate said on Wednesday. A special court in Dimapur in Nagaland on Tuesday took cognisance of the prosecution complaint filed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the federal agency said in a statement. The Enforcement Directorate's case of money laundering stems from an FIR of the Cyber Crimes Unit of Kohima Police. PTI

Mirwaiz is a free man, J&K administration tells HC

Hurriyat chairman and the Kashmir Valley's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq "is a free man", the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration told the J&K High Court on Wednesday. "The petitioner [Mirwaiz] has alleged that he has been detained in his house, as police and vehicular deployment has been made outside his house. This assertion of the petitioner is absolutely false, as the petitioner is a free man, who on and off visits doctors, relatives, and attends other religious activities at his will," senior Additional Advocate General Mohsin Qadri told the court.

Navy commissions *INS Jatayu*, MH-60R helicopter squadron

This will strengthen the Indian Navy's foothold in Lakshadweep islands, and strengthen India's surveillance posture in the strategically located islands and critical sea lanes of communication

Dinakar Peri
MINICOY, KOCHI

The Indian Navy on Wednesday commissioned *INS Jatayu* at Minicoy island, its second base in Lakshadweep after *INS Dweeprakshak* in Kavaratti.

Later, the Navy commissioned its first MH-60R multi-role helicopter squadron INAS 334 'Seahawks' at Kochi, a major capability boost for its rotary fleet and its anti-submarine warfare capabilities.

INS Jatayu is the beginning of a phased expansion plan to strengthen India's surveillance and security posture in the strategically located islands close to the Nine Degree channel and critical sea lanes of communication.

"This is very close to the Nine Degree channel, so this is the region [in] which lot of the maritime traffic flows both into and out of the Arabian Sea. So we hope to substantially improve our understanding and graph of the traffic that is flowing through it. So we will know who is operating here, who is passing through this area, what are they doing, what is their intent and so on. It will substantially improve our maritime domain awareness," Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R. Hari Kumar said in Minicoy.

Turning point: Water cannon salute being given to the MH-60R multi-role helicopters in Kochi on Wednesday. THULASI KAKKAT

"Now, by commissioning this establishment, we hope to improve facilities, improve capacities. There will be more units based here, the radar surveillance capability, ability to provide MDA – all that will increase substantially," Admiral Kumar said, adding, "In the island of Minicoy, there are plans for improving the jetty infrastructure, which will help us berth larger vessels, as well improve connectivity, [and] improve response and ability."

INS Jatayu was commissioned at Minicoy island in the presence of Admiral Hari Kumar; Administrator of Lakshadweep, Praful K Patel; Vice-Admiral V. Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command; Vice-Admiral Sanjay J. Singh, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command. It will strengthen Indian Navy's foothold in the Lakshadweep islands while extending capacity building, operational reach and sustenance in the region, and will add impetus to overall development of the islands. In this regard, Admiral Kumar noted that that the Navy had responded with "alacrity", assuming an "assertive posture" in the west and north Arabian Sea, undertaking anti-drone and anti-piracy operations to safeguard all merchant traffic in the region.

Multi-role helicopters

The first MH-60R squadron of 48 officers and 170 men is commanded by Captain M. Abhisheik Ram, an experimental test pilot who has flown over 30 aircraft. The commissioning ceremony commenced with the reciting of an invocation, followed by a reading of the squadron's commissioning warrant by the Commanding Officer. Thereafter, the commissioning plaque was unveiled by the Naval chief. The ceremony was marked with a scintillating fly-past by a formation of Seahawks, and a traditional water cannon salute with four helicopters to mark the historic moment.

'Resorts near tiger reserves have turned wedding destinations'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday flagged the "mushrooming" of resorts around tiger reserves and their use as choice wedding destinations.

"Music is played at a very loud volume which causes disturbance to the habitat of the forests," Justice B.R. Gavai condemned the trend in a judgment on the illegal felling of trees in the protected Jim Corbett National Park, one of the first of its kind in the country. The court said unbridled growth of resorts near protected forests for sheer commercial gains destroyed the delicate ecological balance of the area.

The court said the government held forests in public trust.

Expert committee

The court directed an expert committee to be constituted by the Environment Ministry to make recommendations on the number and type of resorts that should be permitted within the close proximity of the protected areas.

The committee, in its report to be submitted to the top court in three months, should also suggest "as to how much area from the boundary of the protected forest there should have restriction on noise level and what should be those permissible noise levels".

The court said the government held natural resources such as forests in public trust. "The executive acting under the doctrine of public trust cannot abdicate the natural resources and convert them into private ownership, or for commercial use. The aesthetic use and the pristine glory of the natural resources, the environment and the ecosystems of our country cannot be permitted to be eroded for private, commercial or any other use unless the courts find it necessary, in good faith, for the public good and in public interest to encroach upon the resources," it expounded.

President presents Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2022 and 2023 to eminent artists in the field of performing arts.

Ms. Murmu also gave away the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship, or Akademi Ratna, to seven eminent artists. It is the highest honour given to artists for his or her exceptional contribution to a performing art form. The fellows are folklorist Vinayak Khedekar, veena virutoso R. Visweswaran, Kathak exponent Sunayana Hazarilal, Kuchipudi dancers Raja and Radha Reddy, and theatre artists Dulal Roy and D.P. Sinha.

(From left) Vinayak Khedekar, R. Visweswaran, Sunayana Hazarilal, Raja Reddy, Radha Reddy, and Dulal Roy. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Notable awardees

Twelve artists from the field of music, 12 from dance, 11 from folk and tribal arts, and nine from the field of theatre received the Akademi Awards for 2023.

Some of the notable awardees are Carnatic vocalist Bombay Jayashri Ramnath, Neyveli Narayanan for Carnatic instrumental (mridangam), Urmila Sathyanarayanan for Bharatanatyam, and Pallavi Krishnan for Mohiniyattam.

The Akademi Awards were fist given in 1952.

The Akademi fellows will receive an amount of ₹3 lakh, while the Akademi Award carries a prize money of ₹1 lakh. While giving away the awards, the President said that art was not just for the sake of art, it also had a social purpose.

"There are many such examples in history when artists used their art for social welfare. Artists have been contributing to awakening of society through their creations. Indian art is the best example of India's soft-power," Ms. Murmu added.

DGCA's U-turn on trainer aircraft leaves trainee pilots in the lurch

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Aviation regulator has withdrawn its approval for Pipistrel SW121 aircraft for the purpose of training commercial pilots

As many as 40 student pilots of the Government Aviation Training Institute (GATI) in Odisha stare at an uncertain future as the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has withdrawn its approval for the Pipistrel SW121 aircraft for the purpose of training commercial pilots.

This comes 18 months after the aviation safety regulator gave the green light to the trainer aircraft.

A DGCA official, later suspended over corruption charges, had also been flown to Slovenia to conduct test flights.

Three students, who have paid up to ₹40 lakh, and the flying school have moved the Delhi High Court against the DGCA's "arbitrary and illegal" notification of February 26.

The notification revised the aircraft's categorisation, which effectively prohibits its use for training commercial pilots. The DGCA also refused to grant a commercial pilot licence to the first three students who completed training on the Pipistrel aircraft.

The petitioners demand clarity on what the new classification will mean for those students who have completed their training on the Pipisteral aircraft and those who are currently under training on it.

On February 26, an official of the Directorate of Flying Training of the DGCA informed GATI that its committee of experts had concluded that the Pipistrel SW121 aircraft was a light sport aircraft (LSA).

Such a classification makes the aircraft unsuitable for training commercial pilots. The DGCA, however, had earlier categorised it as a "normal" aircraft. It had also granted a "Certificate of Airworthiness" for the two Pipistrel aircraft purchased by GATI in 2022. Such a certification is a valid criterion for recognition of flying experience of a student pilot.

On the other hand, an LSA is only granted a "Special Certificate of Airworthiness", says the petition.

While there are questions being raised in the industry over how a 600-kg aircraft was allowed for CPL training in the first place, the DGCA's U-turn has befuddled many. The DGCA defines LSA as a fixed-wing aircraft with maximum certificated take off mass exceeding 450 kg but not exceeding 600 kg "and" stalling speed not exceeding 45 knots.

Industry sources say that the former head of Directorate of Flying and Training, Anil Gill, who is now suspended, also carried out seven hours of flying in Slovenia to approve the aircraft for the purpose of CPL training. They also ask why the regulator granted a flying school a no-objection certificate (NOC) for importing the training aircraft knowing fully well that most of the training was carried out for aspiring commercial pilots, and only a limited training was for private pilots' licence sought by hobbyists.

"Why was the DGCA sleeping until now. Every flying school logs in daily hours of flying by each trainee on the specific kind of aircraft. How could then CPL training on a Pipistrel aircraft escape their attention for so long. What about audits and surveillance carried out by DGCA," asked another owner of a flying school.

Don't promote betting, govt. tells media, celebrities

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), in an advisory issued here on Wednesday, warned manufacturers, advertisers, publishers, social media platforms, and broadcasters against advertisements promoting illegal activities such as betting and gambling.

In the advisory, CCPA chairman and Union Secretary of Consumer Affairs Rohit Kumar Singh said the Centre had noticed that betting platforms were employing celebrities and influencers to endorse betting. This "gives an impression that indulging in such activity is acceptable", he said. If the guidelines on misleading advertisements, issued by the Ministry in 2022, are violated, stringent steps as per the Consumer Protection Act will be taken, he said.

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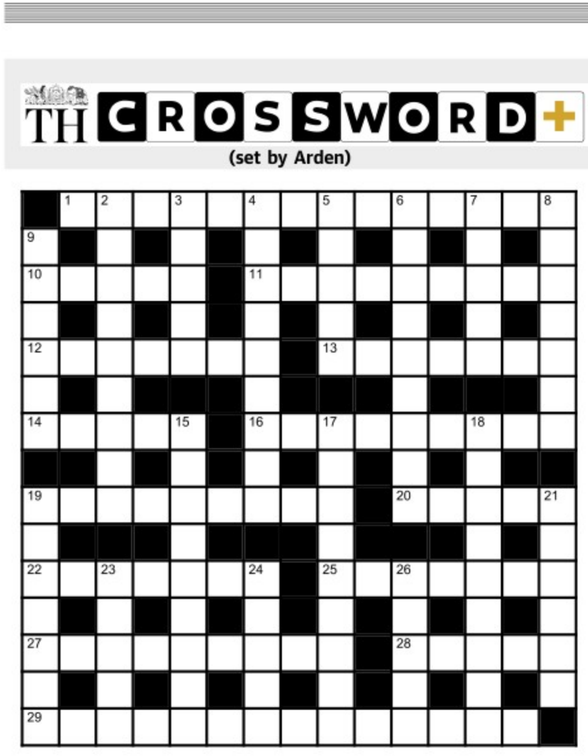

Across

1 Be utterly ruined as the store catches fire (2,4,2,6)
10 Not on a length, refuse (5)
11 From ashes rose to become such fish (3,6)
12 Island chicken (7)
13 A hindrance in the pacemaker, perhaps (7)
14 Criminals to some extent get jail term... (5)
16 ...perhaps same is let out, that's extremely contemptible (9)
19 Fighters and dogs around one table (9)
20 Fiscal prudence saving the skin (5)
22 Keen to keep the fool in drink (7)
25 Happiness by reviewing the number one story (7)
27 Genuine design, school dropout perhaps changed his opinion (9)
28 Cross Indian rail (5)
29 Amid all the noise go back, the German, perhaps is being mean and selfish (3,2,3,6)

Down

2 Hurting someone is not on, termination comes later (9)
3 He sees it's otherwise covering liquid gel (5)
4 Dancing eyes or nasty gums, perhaps (9)
5 One animal among so many, a large herd (5)
6 Excuses John hears from some Europeans (9)
7 Service point for a tricky billiards shot (5)
8 Group's hidden marketing strategy is a bit iffy (7)
9 Forget matter, half of them lost in design (6)
15 A coaster inside Chinese port, it is spotted, perhaps (9)
17 Master goes around the barricade in port (9)
18 Time and date to allow nice interiors, remove totally (9)
19 Engineer we roped in provided energy (7)
21 Think of a watering hole for beer, be gone! (6)
23 Can't say leaders are no good when they all start (5)
24 Start ignoring American food (5)
26 A title is strange (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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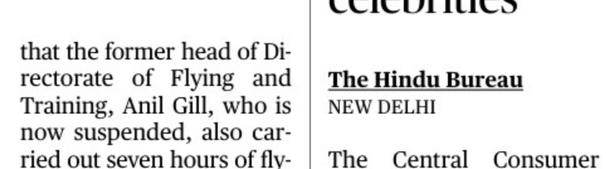


FAITH

Attributes of Lord Vishnu

The eleventh mantra of Apratiratha Sukta speaks of Maghavan. Commentator Sayanacharya interpreted Maghavan as Indra, the chief of the celestials. Sayanacharya explained that this was a prayer to Indra, to make one's weapons far better than those of the enemies. But if Maghavan is interpreted in a broader sense, it becomes clear that it is a reference to Lord Narayana, said V.S. Karunakaracharier in a discourse.

Bhatta Bhaskara explains Maghavan as a wealthy one. Lord Narayana is the repository of all wealth, for His Consort is Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth. Looked at from the perspective of Dhatu patha, we can interpret Maghavan as the one who performs mysterious leelas. Who but Lord Narayana has performed leelas, the depth of which cannot be easily understood? Furthermore, the Sanskrit dictionary of Apte gives joy as one of the meanings of *maghah*. The Lord is the embodiment of ananda. So, in this sense too, Maghavan is Lord Narayana.

If we go by a meaning given in the comprehensive Sanskrit dictionary known as Vachaspatyam, then Maghavan can be taken to mean one who has ornaments. Vishnu presents a charming appearance with His ornaments. So, Maghavan spoken of in Apratiratha Sukta is Lord Narayana.

ISLAMABAD

'Executed former Pak. PM Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto did not receive fair trial'

AFP

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, executed by the Army regime of Gen Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq in 1979, did not receive a fair trial and due process, the Supreme Court said. The remark came in a special case sent in 2011 by then President Asif Ali Zardari to the Supreme Court to revisit his father-in-law's conviction. PTI

MOSCOW

Russia adds chess legend Kasparov to list of 'terrorists and extremists'

REUTERS

Russia's financial watchdog added chess grandmaster and political activist Garry Kasparov to its list of "terrorists and extremists" on Wednesday. The 60-year-old former world chess champion has been a long-time opponent of President Vladimir Putin and has repeatedly spoken out against Russia's war on Ukraine. AFP

WARSAW

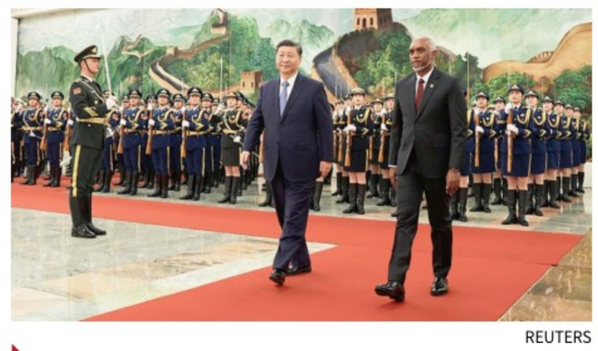
Yulia Navalnaya calls for election day protest against Vladimir Putin

AP

The widow of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny called on Wednesday for Russians to stage an election day protest against President Vladimir Putin by forming long queues outside voting stations. She has pledged to continue her husband's work following his shock death last month in an Arctic prison colony. AFP

MALE

'Defence deal with China will fetch non-lethal weapons for Maldives'



REUTERS

The Maldives will get free "non-lethal" military equipment and training from China's military under a new agreement with Beijing, President Mohamed Muizzu said, adding that it would strengthen the nation's autonomy. This is the first time Maldives has signed a deal with China for military cooperation of this level. PTI

Haley concedes as Trump, Biden win big in primaries

The former UN Ambassador stops short of endorsing her Republican rival and former boss; of the 15 States that went to the polls on Super Tuesday, she manages to win only in Vermont

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON

Former U.S. President Donald Trump won majorly on 'Super Tuesday' , the largest day of nominating contests for the Presidency, emerging well ahead of former UN Ambassador and Trump Cabinet member Nikki Haley, who bowed out of the race, but did not endorse her Republican rival.

On the Democrat side, U.S. President Joe Biden swept all 15 voting States (tying for first place in American Samoa), making it all but certain that the U.S. would see a Biden-Trump showdown in the November general elections. Mr. Biden had 1,497 of 1,968 delegates needed to win the nomination. He has faced mostly nominal opposition in some States from self-help author Marianne Williamson and U.S. Congressman from Minnesota, Dean Phillips.

"They call it Super Tuesday for a reason. This is a big one," Mr. Trump said during a victory speech at his Florida resort, Mar-a-Lago. The former President, who is faced with 91 charges across several criminal and civil cases, emerged with 92% of delegates awarded on Tuesday, giving him a total of 995 delegates, more than ten times his opponent's, who had 89 delegates at the end of Tuesday night. He did not mention Ms. Haley in his speech but said in a statement that Ms. Haley "got trounced".

No surprises: Nikki Haley announces the suspension of her presidential bid in South Carolina on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Mr. Trump, who is running on his nativist 'MAGA' (Make America Great Again) platform, suggested on Tuesday night that the Russia-Ukraine war and the current conflict between Israel and Gaza, would not have happened on his watch. He also criticised the lack of border security at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We are a third-world country at our borders, and we are a third-world country at our elections," Mr. Trump said as he criticised the political establishment and the press.

Quoting former Conservative British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Ms. Haley indicated she would not as per usual practice necessarily endorse Mr. Trump. A total of 1,215 delegates must be won for a candidate to win the Republican nomination – a number that Mr. Trump is likely to achieve when more States vote on next Tuesday.

"Our world is on fire because of America's retreat. Standing by our allies in Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan is a moral imperative," she said at a concession speech in Charleston, South Carolina, a State she was once Governor of. She also highlighted the level of government spending. Of late, Ms. Haley, an accountant by training, had said Mr. Trump bore a significant amount of responsibility the national debt level. Ms. Haley won Vermont on Tuesday, losing everywhere else.

Born into a Sikh family of immigrants from Amritsar, Ms. Haley did not make use of all the opportunities available to her to engage the Indian diaspora during the primary season.

Praksash Kopparapu, a Democrat, who chairs the Indo American-IA PAC (Political Action Committee) in Iowa, said his bi-partisan organisation was unsuccesful when it tried to get the Haley campaign to set up a diaspora community meeting for her in Iowa in January, before the State's caucuses.

"It's pretty disappointing," Mr. Kopparapu told *The Hindu* over the phone, adding "She had a very good opportunity in Iowa."

While Mr. Trump swept the internal GOP contest on Tuesday, the outcome of a Biden vs Trump rematch very much remains open. Exit polls indicated that Mr. Trump's electoral weaknesses in 2020 continue as his performance was weaker in cities, suburban areas and college towns.

Mr. Biden faces significant non-financial issues: a dissatisfied base and voter apathy. The 81-year old incumbent faces questions about his age, perceptions over his handling of the economy relative to Mr. Trump's, and anger over his support to Israel over its attacks on Gaza.

'U.S. is using Philippines as a pawn in South China Sea'

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China on Wednesday accused the United States of using the Philippines as a "pawn" in the South China Sea, as hostilities between the two Asian nations escalate over their territorial dispute in the region.

Manila summoned a Chinese representative on Tuesday after it said China Coast Guard vessels caused two collisions with Philippine boats and water cannoned one of them during a resupply mission.

China said it "took control measures" against Philippine ships' "illegal intrusion" into waters it claims, as well as accusing a Philippine ship of "intentionally" ramming a Chinese one.

"China urges the United States not to use the Philippines as a pawn to stir up trouble in the South China Sea," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told reporters when asked about the United States' condemnation of China's actions as "provocative".

Chinese Coast Guard vessels fire water cannons at a Philippine resupply vessel in the South China Sea on Tuesday. REUTERS

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos said Wednesday that he sees Chinese actions in the South China Sea with "great alarm", after recent confrontations described by a Filipino military commander as "the worst" in two years. "Once again, we will make our objections known and hope that we can continue to communicate to find a way so that such actions are no longer seen."

Israel PM is responsible for stampede of 2021: probe

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

A probe into Israel's worst civilian disaster on Wednesday found Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "bears personal responsibility" for the 2021 stampede which killed 45 Jewish pilgrims.

Tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews had converged on Mount Meron on April 30, 2021 for an annual pilgrimage to the tomb of a reputed second-century rabbi.

The stampede in the male section of the crowd is believed to have started as people moved through a narrow passageway. At least 16 children and teenagers were among the 45 dead.

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With 8,565 dead, UN says 2023 was the deadliest year in a decade for migrants

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

At least 8,565 people died on migration routes worldwide in 2023, making it the deadliest year since records began a decade ago, the UN's International Organization for Migration said on Wednesday.

"The 2023 death toll represents a tragic increase of 20% compared to 2022, highlighting the urgent need for action to prevent further loss of life," the IOM said in a statement.

Last year's total surpassed the previous record reached in 2016, when 8,084 people died during migration.

The IOM said that because safe and regular migration pathways remain limited, hundreds of thousands of people attempt to migrate every year via irregular routes in unsafe conditions.

The Mediterranean ocean crossing continues to be the deadliest route for migrants, with at least 3,129 deaths and disappearances registered last year.

Disappearing shores: The casualty numbers of 2023 mark a 20% increase when compared to the previous year. GETTY IMAGES

Primary cause

Slightly more than half of the total migrant deaths in 2023 came as a result of drowning, with 9% caused by vehicle accidents, and 7% in violence.

The IOM's Missing Migrants Project was established in 2014 as an open-access database on migrant deaths and disappearances.

It has since documented more than 63,000 cases worldwide, though the true figure is estimated to be much higher due to challenges in data collection, particularly in remote locations.

"As we mark the Missing Migrants Project's 10 years, we first remember all these lives lost," IOM deputy director general Ugochi Daniels said.

"Every single one of them is a terrible human tragedy that reverberates through families and communities for years to come," Ms. Daniels added.

Two dead as bulk carrier is hit by missile from Yemen

Agence France-Presse
DUBAI

A missile fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels hit a bulk carrier in the Gulf of Aden on Wednesday, with the crew reporting at least two dead and six wounded, a U.S. official said.

The Iran-backed Houthis have been targeting merchant vessels transiting the vital Red Sea trade route for months. The militant group have previously hit ships with missiles and drones, but the two deaths on Wednesday appear to be the first fatalities directly resulting from an attack by the rebels.

'Significant damage'

"Today, the Houthis have killed innocent civilians," the defence official said.

The missile caused significant damage to the Barbados-flagged, Liberian-owned *M/V True Confidence*, according to the official, who said it was the fifth anti-ship ballistic missile fired by the Houthis in two days.

INBRIEF

Sugarcane area may slide in key-producing States: ISMA

Sugarcane planting in the western Indian State of Maharashtra and southern Karnataka is expected to fall for the 2024/25 season starting from October 1, a leading industry body said on Wednesday at a sugar conference in Dubai. Rainfall during the June-September monsoon season would determine sugar production, according to Mandava Prabhakar Rao, President of the Indian Sugar & Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA). REUTERS

DGCA grants air operator certificate to FLY91 airline

Goa-based regional airline company FLY91 said it had received an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Ministry of Civil Aviation, on Wednesday. As part of the AOC process, the airline conducted proving flights under the supervision of the aviation regulator. The airline will operate under the code IC. "This is a significant milestone for each and every member of FLY91," MD and CEO Manoj Chacko said in a statement.

RK Swamy's CMD Swamy bags IAA Golden Compass Award

Srinivasan K. Swamy, CMD of integrated marketing services firm RK Swamy Ltd. has been presented with the IAA Golden Compass Award at the 45th IAA World Congress held in Penang, Malaysia. Penang Governor Tun Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak presented the award. The award honours significant global contributions to the field of marketing, advertising and media. This is the first time that this award is being bestowed upon an Indian industry leader, the firm said.

RBI directs card issuers to let customers choose card network

Card issuers will have to provide an option to their eligible customers to choose from multiple card networks; currently, the choice of network for a card issued to a customer is decided based on arrangements card issuers have with card networks

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed card issuers, which include authorised payment system providers, banks and non-banks, not to enter into any arrangement or agreement with card networks that restrains them from availing the services of other card networks.

As per this directive, card issuers will have to provide an option to their eligible customers to choose from multiple card networks at the time of issue. For existing cardholders, this option needs to be provided at the time of the next renewal. These directions will be effective six months from the date of issue of this circular.

Currently in India, the authorised card networks include American Express Banking Corp., Diners Club International Ltd., MasterCard Asia/Pacific Pte. Ltd., National Payments Corporation of India-Rupay, and Visa Worldwide Pte. Ltd.

More options

As per the current practice, the authorised card networks tie-up with banks/non-banks for issuance of credit cards and the choice of network for a card issued to a customer is decided by the card issuer (bank/non-bank) and is linked to the arrangements that the card issuers have with card networks in terms of their bilateral agreements, the RBI said.

"On a review, it is observed that some arrangements existing between card networks and card issuers are not conducive to the availability of choice for customers," the central bank said adding it had issued the fresh directive keeping the interest of the payment system and public interest in mind.

The banking regulator has asked card issuers and card networks to execute fresh agreements to accommodate the changes.

Shuffling cards

Card issuers told not to enter into any agreement with networks that restrains their ability to avail services from others

- The RBI order applies to all card issuers including authorised payment system providers, banks and non-banks
- Currently, authorised card networks in India include American Express, MasterCard Asia/Pacific, Rupay, and Visa

- RBI says the fresh directive has been issued keeping the interest of the payment system and public interest in mind

'Diamond exports to slump to 5-year low in 2023-24'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's cut and polished diamond exports are expected to shrink to a five-year low of about $15-16 billion in 2023-24, and the outlook for the coming year is bleak as well, with demand from the world's two largest markets, the U.S. and China, seen subdued, CareEdge Ratings said on Wednesday.

India is the world's largest centre for cutting and polishing diamonds, accounting for the supply of

more than 90-95% of polished diamonds to meet global consumption demand. The sector is also a large job creator.

The U.S. and China together account for about 65% of India's diamond exports, which have slid 28% in the first 10 months of FY24 to a tad over $13 billion (with value and volumes falling). This is far lower than the peak of $24.4 billion hit in FY22.

The rating firm also flagged the growing market for lab-grown diamonds and geopolitical tensions. Moreover, the impending impact of G7 nations' sanctions on Russian-origin diamonds and the logistic and operational challenges for Indian CPD players would remain a key monitorable, CareEdge said.

Govt. to sell 7% stake in NLC for ₹2,000 cr.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government will sell up to 7% stake in NLC India at a floor price of ₹212 per share in a two-day offer for sale beginning Thursday.

The ₹2,000 crore OFS will open for institutional investors on Thursday and for retail investors on Monday. Friday is a market holiday on account of Maha Shivratri.

"Offer for sale (OFS) in NLC India Limited opens tomorrow for non-retail investors. Retail investors can bid on Monday, 11th

March. The government will divest 7% equity, including Green Shoe option of 2%," DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on X. If fully subscribed, including the green shoe option, the share sale would fetch about ₹2,000 crore to the exchequer.

Wartsila aims to tap India's RE transition

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Finland-based Wartsila is in talks with multiple discoms, independent power producers, regulators and potential investors in India to provide its quick-start gas-based power plants and battery storage technologies to enable stable power supply, as the country adds more intermittent renewables like wind and solar into the grid.

"Wartsila is a major player in providing balancing solutions with gas based reciprocating engines and battery storage to support global energy transition," said Frederic Carron, VP Wartsila Energy Business, Middle East and Africa.

Frederic Carron

"India has added close to 300 GW of renewables to the grid. Tamil Nadu is a forerunner," observed Mr. Carron, adding that Wartsila's gas engine power plants could provide the needed grid balancing and peaking capabilities.

Wartsila engines were also already capable of taking a 25% blend of green hydrogen with natural gas, Mr. Carron added.

JM Financial slumps, denies deficiencies in unit's loan sanctions

Reuters
BENGALURU

Shares of JM Financial fell almost 19% on Wednesday after the central bank barred the company's unit from giving out loans against shares and debentures, even as the company asserted there were no deficiencies in the loan sanctioning process of its unit.

"We strongly believe that there have been no material deficiencies in our loan sanctioning process. Further, the company has not violated applicable regulations," a spokesperson said in a statement on the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) action against JM Financial Products.

"We also wish to reaffirm that there have been no governance issues whatsoever and we conduct all our business and operational affairs in a bonafide manner."

JM Financial's shares ended 10.7% lower at ₹85.28 on the BSE.

The RBI on Tuesday cited regulatory violations and governance concerns as reasons for its action against the unit JM Financial Products.

The RBI has stepped up oversight of banks and non-bank finance companies to ensure compliance with its norms and protect customer interest.

Pilot shortage-triggered delays buffet Vistara's merger with AI

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Pilot shortage at Vistara, the Tata-backed carrier set to be merged with Air India, has taken a toll on the airline's flights, with at least 24 departures out of Delhi and Mumbai delayed on Wednesday, a day after there were 12 cancellations from the two airports.

The delays and cancellations hit flights across the network, including some international departures such as to Dhaka, Hong Kong and Dubai, data from flight tracking website flightradar 24 shows. Multiple sources said "10 to 15" flights had been cancelled daily for more than two weeks since February 18.

A multitude of factors have been blamed, including a persisting pilot shortage, worsened by pilots reporting sick to claim unutilised leave as the financial year end approaches, as well as a "silent protest" from some First Officers against the implementation of AI's new salary structure at Vistara. The formula offers an assured minimum flying of 40 hours from 70 hours earlier. It could also entail First Officers taking a pay cut of ₹80,000 to ₹1.4 lakh.

Pilots are also known to be unhappy about poor roster planning because of the crew crunch, which often leads to their offs being cancelled at the last minute. Some even called the environment "too toxic".

It is reliably learnt that the DGCA has also recently pulled up the airline for violation of pilot duty norms, indicating that the airline may have pushed its crew to do longer hours than legally permitted.

Vistara declined to comment on the matter.

The unrest at Vistara, follows similar patterns witnessed last year at budget carrier IndiGo.

OPEC expects Indian oil imports to rise again

Reuters
NEW DELHI

OPEC will win a bigger share of India's oil imports in coming decades due to the supplies proximity, the producer group's head told Reuters, after its dominance was recently eroded by competition from discounted Russian oil.

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) share of oil imported by India declined from 65% in 2022 to 50% last year, according to industry data, after New Delhi became the biggest buyer of seaborne Russian crude in the aftermath of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

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The longest war in human history was not waged between countries.

History tells us that animals used to share a home with us. We hunted them for a living. So did they when they were attacked or hungry. But even back then, we were not a threat to their very existence. We consumed what was essential from our shared home. Eventually, we upgraded ourselves to better homes, better survival plans, better food habits, better everything. With their sole enemy out of their hair, life should have gotten easier for the animals. Not really. Their enemy left the jungle and built their cities only to expand them right back into the jungle. We cut trees, killed ecosystems and took away sand from the rivers. Their watering holes have all dried up, thanks to the global warming we escalated into existence. The need being theirs, they began walking a few extra miles to find water but that is where the catch lay. We decorated the path to the next nearest waterbody with death traps. Railway tracks, electrified fences, highways, power lines and the works. Inventions that simplified human lives and complicated animal lives. Now, every time an animal ventures out in search of food or water, they stand the risk of getting killed. Sounds like a battlefield of sorts, eh? It is. One where no one wants to take over anyone's territory and yet end up killing each other in a bid to survive. Progress must serve everyone. The world would be a different place if animals were capable of making technological progress. Sadly for them and fortunately for us, they cannot. As the 'superior being' on the planet, can we not use our intellect to find better ways to co-exist rather than sadder ways to ensure their doom?

This World Wildlife Day, let us take concrete measures to stop making this planet a battlefield for animals.

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Scan to read the story on human-animal conflicts in India and various mitigation efforts taken or visit https://newsth.live/WWD2024

THE HINDU
March 3, 2024
World Wildlife Day

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	74,086	0.55
US Dollar	82.83	0.08
Gold	65,150	0.23
Brent oil	83.24	0.25

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3233.95	-76.25
Adani Ports	1324.80	-13.50
Apollo Hosp	6054.30	-6.80
Asian Paints	2827.30	6.90
Axis Bank	1125.00	24.20
Bajaj Auto	8605.80	254.05
Bajaj Finserv	1554.60	4.10
Bajaj Finance	6311.25	-13.00
Bharti Airtel	1193.70	24.80
BPCL	638.35	-6.75
Britannia Ind	4880.75	55.10
Cipla	1485.25	11.80
Coal India	461.60	0.95
Divis Lab	3544.65	60.20
Dr Reddys Lab	6314.65	11.35
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UPL	473.20	-1.05
Wipro	513.15	-0.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.62	82.94
Euro	89.84	90.19
British Pound	105.12	105.53
Japanese Yen (100)	55.18	55.39
Chinese Yuan	11.48	11.52
Swiss Franc	93.36	93.72
Singapore Dollar	61.60	61.85
Canadian Dollar	60.84	61.10
Malaysian Ringitt	17.45	17.54
Australian Dollar	53.90	54.12

Source:Indian Bank

FIRST IMPRESSION THE BEST

Ashwin began Test career with Player-of-the-Match performance

FILE PHOTO

R. Ashwin, who will play his 100th game in the longest format, started his Test career with a player-of-the-match performance, with figures of 27-4-81-3 and 21.3-5-47-6 in the first game in West Indies' tour of India in 2011 in New Delhi, which the host won by five wickets.

ON A HIGH

Ashwin's 50th and India's second biggest away win in terms of runs

FILE PHOTO

R. Ashwin's 50th Test was the first game in India's tour of Sri Lanka in 2017. He scored 47 in the first innings and had figures of 27-5-84-1 and 27-4-65-3 while bowling in the Galle Test. The Indians went on to win by a huge margin of 304 runs, their second-biggest win away from home in terms of runs.

SUPPORT SYSTEM

The entire family is built on cricket and to facilitate my career: Ashwin

FILE PHOTO

R. Ashwin recalled how his parents, Ravichandran and Chitra, worked hard to help realise their collective cricketing dream. "The entire family is built on cricket and to facilitate my career. It has been very hard on them. It's been a big roller-coaster for them — going through the emotions, and ups and downs that I myself do," he said.

PROUD CAPTAIN

No praise enough for Ashwin, rare to have players like him: Rohit

R.V. MOORTHY

No praise is enough for R. Ashwin, said India captain Rohit Sharma as he lauded the senior off-spinner ahead of his 100th Test. "It's a big achievement for any player to play 100 Tests. He has been a match-winner for us. What he has done for us, no praise is enough. It is rare to have players like him," Rohit said.

Team India looks to finish on a high in Ashwin's 100th

Rohit's men likely to play three seamers; Bumrah's return bolsters the pace department; Stokes' side opts for two pacers and two spinners

Man of many hats

A maverick spinner and a competent batter, Ashwin's versatlie genius has served Indian cricket well

OVERALL	M	Wkts	BBI	Avg.	5WI/10WM	Runs	HS	Avg.	100s	Ct
	99	507	7/59	23.91	35/8	3309	124	26.47	5	33

BY OPPONENT	M	Wkts	BBI	Avg.	5WI/10WM	Runs	HS	Avg.	100s	Ct
Afghanistan	1	5	4/27	11.80	0/0	18	18	18.00	0	0
Australia	22	114	7/103	28.36	7/1	543	62	17.51	0	9
Bangladesh	6	23	5/87	26.78	1/0	157	58	39.25	0	1
England	23	105	6/55	28.88	7/1	1086	106	33.93	1	6
New Zealand	9	66	7/59	15.43	6/3	243	40	22.09	0	5
South Africa	14	57	7/66	22.28	5/1	321	56	17.83	0	4
Sri Lanka	11	62	6/46	21.93	3/1	333	61	20.81	0	4
West Indies	13	75	7/71	20.48	6/1	608	124	50.66	4	4

HOME AND AWAY	M	Wkts	BBI	Avg.	5WI/10WM	Runs	HS	Avg.	100s	Ct
India	59	354	7/59	21.33	27/6	1824	124	27.22	3	20
Australia	10	39	4/55	42.15	0/0	384	62	24.00	0	6
Bangladesh	3	12	5/87	28.41	1/0	114	58	57.00	0	0
England	7	18	4/62	28.11	0/0	261	46*	23.72	0	2
New Zealand	1	3	3/99	33.0	0/0	4	4	2.00	0	0
South Africa	7	11	4/113	49.63	0/0	205	46	15.76	0	3
Sri Lanka	6	38	6/46	21.57	3/1	226	58	25.11	0	1
West Indies	6	32	7/71	19.34	4/1	291	118	58.20	2	1

India's 100-Test club: Ashwin will become the 14th Indian to play 100 Tests when he takes the field against England in the fifth and final Test in Dharamshala on Thursday

Name	Matches
Sunil Gavaskar	125
Dilip Vengsarkar	116
Kapil Dev	131
Sachin Tendulkar	200
Anil Kumble	132
Rahul Dravid	163
Sourav Ganguly	113
V.V.S. Laxman	134
Virender Sehwag	103
Harbhajan Singh	103
Ishant Sharma	105
Virat Kohli	113
Cheteshwar Pujara	103

Lodestar: Ashwin, over the years, has been one of India's greatest match-winners. R. V. MOORTHY

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

ENGLAND IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
DHARAMSHALA

England may be licking its wounds but nurses hope of hurting India in pretty much English weather conditions here. This optimism rose in the week leading to the fifth and final Test starting on Thursday after a fresh spell of snowfall in the higher reaches triggered another round of cold wave.

After India took a series-clinching 3-1 lead at Ranchi, some golf-playing members of the England team travelled to Bengaluru while some others camped in Chandigarh before landing here. The weather that greeted them has surely lifted their spirits.

A start-stop-start pattern of play cannot be ruled out but the prevailing day temperature will suit the Englishmen more. In conditions helping seam bowling on a pitch – last used when Delhi defeated Himachal Pradesh in February – that could make the spinners smile, England's skipper Ben Stokes will go in with pacers James Anderson and Mark Wood, left-arm spinner Tom Hartley and off-spinner Shoaib Bashir if he recovers from a sickness bug.

About the pitch, Stokes said, "Before we even got here we were probably thinking it was going to be a three-seamer-one-spinner attack but then when we saw the wicket and then saw it again today, I think going with two seamers and two spinners is probably the right call."

Looking at the positives from the tour, Stokes said "we progressed so much on this tour. You look at the players we came out here with. Hartley, Bashir... people couldn't believe we'd picked them. Look at what they've managed to achieve on this trip. We've seen Ollie Pope, the innings he played; Ben Duckett changed as a player and a person. I am very, very happy as a captain."

Stokes acknowledged that the Indians were better in the series. "When the game has been on the line, their skill has been a lot better than ours, whether that be India with the bat or India with the ball."

Considering the return of Jasprit Bumrah and the conditions here, Rohit Sharma did not rule out a three-man pace attack.

The India skipper also backed the struggling Rajat Patidar. "He hasn't scored as many runs he would have liked to but the guy obviously has a lot of ability. Very much new to Test cricket and we should give him some more time before making a judgement on him."

The teams:

India (from): Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Dhruv Jurel (wk), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Rajat Patidar, Ravindra Jadeja, Sarfaraz Khan, R. Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Akash Deep, Mohammed Siraj, Jasprit Bumrah, K.S. Bharat (wk), Devdutt Padikkal, Axar Patel, and Mukesh Kumar.

England (XI): Ben Stokes (Capt.), Ben Foakes (wk), Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Tom Hartley, Mark Wood, Shoaib Bashir, and James Anderson.

Umpires: Joel Wilson and Rod Tucker; **TV umpires:** Kumar Dharmasena and J. Madanagopal; **Match referee:** Jeff Crowe.

Match starts at 9.30 a.m.

For now, it is time for Ashwin to aim for the stars in the Himalayan skies

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CHENNAI

When India and England step onto the turf at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala on Thursday, R. Ashwin will scale another peak. It is a rare high that may well give a complex to the Dhauladhar range, part of the Himalayas, that serves as a backdrop to a picturesque cricketing venue.

A 100 Tests is never an easy landmark especially in a format that gets the rough end of sporting itineraries besotted with the transient pleasures and commercial heft of ODIs and T20s. A 100 Tests also demand excellence spilling well past a decade of top-flight cricket so that the selectors remain interested.

Ashwin has done remarkably well to flourish this long, spinning an eternal web and to also cope with the fact that at times while playing overseas, he may not necessarily be the first-choice spinner. If the musical chairs abroad are between him and Ravindra Jadeja, earlier Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh too dealt with the same issue.

Ashwin becomes the 14th Indian to get to the coveted milestone, a statistical nugget that was first scaled by Sunil Gavaskar back in the 1980s.

The wily off-spinner along with Kumble and Harbhajan are the only purveyors of the slow-art in this Indian list headlined by maestro Sachin Tendulkar with 200 Tests, a world record that may never get breached.

Magical mark: Ashwin would hope to put in a performance worthy of his landmark game. R.V. MOORTHY

Not many have spoken extensively about spin bowling like how Ashwin has done over the years. He creates a mystique akin to the late Shane Warne as new deliveries are invented both at nets and in games, and they are spoken about. This is a star, who bequeaths nightmares to rival batters on match-eve.

Every Indian spinner steps in with the weight of legacy hampering their minds and spinning fingers. Often talk would veer towards the remarkable quartet of the 1970s when Bishan Singh Bedi and his comrades drew circles around befuddled rivals. In their own ways, Kumble, Harbhajan and Ashwin, have broken through the shadows cast by past-masters, and carved a unique niche.

With 507 Test wickets, Ashwin is one of India's greatest players. Equally he has scored 3309 runs and it is a tally which could have been more, considering his batting skill-sets.

However, like Kapil Dev, perhaps the man from Chennai drew more joy from the art of getting wickets. For now, it is time for Ashwin to aim for the stars under the Himalayan skies.

I don't know what Bazball means: Rohit

Rakesh Rao
DHARAMSHALA

A relaxed Rohit Sharma, with the series in the bag, was at his candid best as he reflected on the four Tests so far. He termed it "a series of comebacks" for his triumphant team. Rohit went on to admit that he did not know what Bazball meant. The India skipper was at his witty best on Wednesday.

When reminded of England opener Ben Duckett's view that some of the Indian batters could be influenced by the Bazball, Rohit said: "There was this guy called Rishabh Pant in our team... probably, Ben Duckett hasn't seen him bat."

On the eve of the final Test, Rohit spoke about the lessons learnt.

"I didn't study much in school but I do study the opposition a lot while playing cricket. I enjoy that process of learning as a batter and captain. Ahead of any series, I have always tried to understand both teams and plan accordingly. I have multiple duties. Firstly, I am a batter. If I get out, I need to plan who to promote up the order. On the field, it's about gauging the wicket according to our bowling strength.

"This is a series of comebacks and we made good comebacks, from being down in one session to dominating the next. After losing the first Test, despite being ahead in the game, we absorbed pressure and put it back on the opposition.

"This has been satisfying, especially with a group of boys who have not been under such pressure. International cricket pressure is different and Test cricket is totally different. A lot of players handled it well, stabilised the team and put it ahead. The last Test was a perfect example of our good comebacks."

Rohit's take on Bazball was also candid. "I honestly don't know what Bazball means – whether it is to go and strike, whether it's to defend or wait for a loose ball. I haven't seen wild swings from anyone. England have played better cricket than the last series that they played here. You got to give credit to their batters who got big hundreds here. They applied their methods to get success and they got it.

"I still don't know what that (Bazball) means."

Huge positive: Skipper Rohit is proud of the way the youngsters have stood up in the tough series against England. R.V. MOORTHY

Mooney, Wolvaardt shine as Giants finally win

WPL SEASON 2

Lavanya L
NEW DELHI

Newfound confidence and a toothless bowling opponent helped Gujarat Giants register its first win of the season with a 19-run victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Wednesday. A 140-run stand between Beth Mooney (85 n.o., 51b, 12x4, 1x6) and Laura Wolvaardt (76, 45b, 13x4) which set the Giants up for its biggest total of the season was the highlight of a largely one-sided encounter.

Chasing 200, Royal Challengers were never allowed to get comfortable at the crease with a comparatively proactive bowling attack doing well to take regular wickets. Ashleigh Gardner made Smriti Mandhana her bunny yet again for a 16-ball 24.

Sophie Devine began with some massive hits peppered over long on and deep square leg but fell soon after. Ellyse Perry went a little over a run a ball but neither her nor Richa Ghosh could capitalise on their starts. Georgia Wareham (48, 22b, 6x4, 2x6) looked the most promising batter of the lot, but lost partners regularly. When the equation came down to 57 off 17 balls, the writing was on the wall for Royal Challengers.

Earlier, Mooney became the first captain to win the toss and opt to set a target. The opening stand, the highest of the season and Giants' first fifty-plus stand up top this year, exposed RCB's wasteful bowling.

Nervy running cost Mooney two partners, Wolvaardt first and Phoebe Litchfield next after which Gardner fell for a first-ball duck. D. Hemalatha and Veda Krishnamurthy were sent in one after another ahead of big-hitting Kathryn Bryce but could collectively manage just a run each. What looked like a 210-run total stopped at 199. Giants' total featured just one six and 26 fours. Seventeen extras conceded and some clumsy fielding in key moments only compounded Smriti and Co.'s off night on the field.

Power play: Mooney and Wolvaardt went on the attack and powered Giants to a run short of 200. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS
Laura Wolvaardt run out 76 *(45b, 13x4)*, Beth Mooney (not out) 85 *(51b, 12x4, 1x6)*, Phoebe Litchfield run out 18 *(17b, 1x4)*, Ashleigh Gardner c Simran b Wareham 0 *(1b)*, D. Hemalatha st. Richa b Molineux 1 *(3b)*, Veda Krishnamurthy run out 1 *(2b)*, Kathryn Bryce (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-3, w-14): 17; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 199.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-140 (Wolvaardt, 12.6 overs), 2-192 (Litchfield, 18.3), 3-192 (Gardner, 18.4), 4-195 (Hemalatha, 19.1), 5-198 (Veda, 19.5).

RCB BOWLING
Devine 3-0-37-0, Renuka 4-0-34-0, Molineux 4-0-32-1, Wareham 4-0-36-1, Ekta 3-0-31-0, Asha 1-0-11-0, Perry 1-0-15-0.

ROYAL CHALLENGERS
S. Meghana run out 4 *(13b)*, Smriti Mandhana lbw b Gardner 24 *(16b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Ellyse Perry c Mooney b Bryce 24 *(23b, 3x4)*, Sophie Devine b Tanuja 23 *(16b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Richa Ghosh c Meghna b Gardner 30 *(21b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Georgia Wareham run out 48 *(22b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Sophie Molineux run out 3 *(3b)*, Simran Bahadur (not out) 1 *(2b)*, Ekta Bisht run out 12 *(5b, 1x6)*; Extras (b-5, lb-4, w-1, nb-1): 11; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 180.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-31 (Smriti, 4.1), 2-42 (Meghana, 6.2), 3-76 (Devine, 10.1), 4-96 (Perry, 13.1), 5-129 (Richa, 15.6), 6-163 (Molineux, 18.3), 7-167 (Wareham, 18.6), 8-180 (Ekta, 19.6).

GIANTS BOWLING
Gardner 4-0-23-2, Bryce 4-0-26-1, Tanuja 4-0-43-1, Meghna 4-0-42-0, Mannat 1-0-10-0, Shabnam 3-0-27-0.

Toss: Giants; **PoM:** Mooney.
Gujarat Giants won by 19 runs.
Thursday's match: UP Warriorz vs. Mumbai Indians, 7.30 p.m.

INBRIEF

Williamson reminisces 'surreal' 2010 debut

Set to play his 100th Test match, star New Zealand batter Kane Williamson on Wednesday recollected the surreal feeling he had when he was surrounded by the legendary Indian cricketers, including Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, during his debut Test in Ahmedabad in 2010. "I remember walking out and looking around the field and seeing all my heroes."

Messi's promised Barca contract on a napkin up for auction

To the untrained eye, it might look like just another used napkin. But the serviette, expected to fetch up to $635,000, was actually Lionel Messi's springboard to greatness at FC Barcelona, and records the promise of a contract made to him at the tender age of 13. The napkin has gone on show in New York to drum up interest, ahead of the start of bidding on March 18, against a backdrop of soaring interest in football memorabilia. It is officially estimated to go for between $380,000 and $635,000.

Bangladesh coasts to eight-wicket win over SL

Najmul Hossain's unbeaten half-century at the top helped Bangladesh ease to an eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the second T20I in Sylhet, Bangladesh, on Wednesday,

The scores: Sri Lanka 165/5 in 20 overs (Kamindu Mendis 37, Kusal Mendis 36, Angelo Mathews 32 n.o., Charith Asalanka 28) vs Bangladesh 170/2 in 18.1 overs (Najmul Hossain 53 n.o., Litton Das 36, Towhid Hridoy 32 n.o., Soumya Sarkar 26; Matheesha Pathirana 2/28). **Toss:** Bangladesh. *Bangladesh wins by eight wickets and ties the three-match series 1-1.*

LIVE TELECAST

India vs England: 5th Test, day 1, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.

PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.

WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

Europa League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.15 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

New Zealand vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 1, Prime Video, 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

Bowlers help Vidarbha set up a summit clash with Mumbai

Needing 93 to win on the final day, Madhya Pradesh lasts just 11 overs as Thakur, Thakare and Wakhare sizzle to give their side a shot at a third title

RANJI TROPHY

Abhishek Saini
NAGPUR

Aditya Thakare and Yash Thakur plotted the final strike on Madhya Pradesh, propelling Vidarbha to a 62-run win on the fifth day of the first Ranji Trophy semifinal at the VCA Stadium (Civil Lines) here on Wednesday.

Needing 93 runs on the last day for a place in the final, with four wickets in hand, MP folded in the 11th over of the day, with Thakare and Thakur scalping two wickets each.

Even though the home team had the upper hand at the start of play, MP plunged further towards the brink when Kumar Kartikeya deemed it wise to swipe at a delivery in just the second over. Thakare's length ball crept under his bat and rearranged the stumps. Anubhav Agarwal was undone soon after when Thakare's delivery kept low and skidded on to crash into the stumps.

Final nail in the coffin: Khejroliya has his furniture disturbed by Thakur sealing Vidarbha's place in the final. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Vidarbha breathed easy and really had one foot in the final when Saransh Jain departed. MP was pinning its hopes on the left-hander after he had dropped anchor on the fourth day in support of top-scorer Yash Dubey. A menacing nip-backer from Thakur made its way between Saransh's bat and pad and clipped the top of the middle stump.

The slide, however, did not prevent last-man Kulwant Khejroliya from fancying his chances. He was prompt in upper-cutting a bouncer over the slip cordon off Thakur to pocket a boundary. He continued against Akshay Wakhare in the same vein, who he slog-swept through the vacant mid-wicket region.

But Thakur ensured Vidarbha cleared the final hurdle and extinguished any MP hopes that remained of a late twist in the tale. Khejroliya went chasing at a delivery way outside the off-stump line and was castled off an inside edge.

As it forced the final surrender from MP, Vidarbha's opening day batting slump, and its 82-run first innings deficit, seemed a distant memory. The two-time champion will now vie for a third title against Mumbai from March 10.

This is the only second time in Ranji Trophy history that two sides from the same state have reached the summit clash. On both occasions, teams were from Maharashtra. The first was in 1971 when Bombay beat Maharashtra

The scores:
Vidarbha —1st innings: 170.
Madhya Pradesh —1st innings: 252.
Vidarbha —2nd innings: 402.
Madhya Pradesh —2nd innings: Yash Dubey c Mokhade b Sarvate 94, Himanshu Mantri c Thakare b Sarvate 8, Harsh Gawali c Wadkar b Thakur 67, Sagar Solanki lbw b Wakhare 12, Shubham Sharma c (sub) Kale b Wakhare 6, Venkatesh Iyer c Karun Nair b Wakhare 19, Saransh Jain b Thakur 25, Kumar Kartikeya b Thakare 0, Anubhav Agarwal b Thakare 0, Avesh Khan (not out) 8, Kulwant Khejroliya b Thakur 11; Extras (b-4, lb-4) 8; Total (in 81.3 overs): 258.
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-128, 3-157, 4-165, 5-195, 6-227, 7-232, 8-234, 9-240.
Vidarbha bowling: Umesh 11-1-47-0, Sarvate 25-5-56-2, Thakare 15-3-45-2, Thakur 12.3-0-60-3, Wakhare 18-3-42-3.

Amarnath backs BCCI's directive on players turning out for domestic tournaments

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

India cricket legend Mohinder Amarnath here on Wednesday welcomed BCCI's decision to lay emphasis on domestic cricket, making it mandatory for all fit-and-available cricketers to play for their State teams.

"I think it's a good thing. It should've happened a long time back, to be very honest.

"And I think it should apply to each and every cricketer today, not only to certain cricketers. Everybody should play domestic cricket," he said at the launch of the JITO Premier League.

When referred to Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer having been mandated to play domestic cricket, he said: "I don't think there's any need for any warning to anybody. You take a decision and apply it to everybody.

Mohinder Amarnath. K.R. DEEPAK

"The BCCI must have strict rules and all that. This is the beginning. I think they should be even more strict in the future also and make sure that all Indian players participate and play. They (players) cannot decide for themselves and choose what they want to do. I think it should be to the BCCI and to the State (associations) to decide."

On R. Ashwin having surpassed 500 wickets in Tests and playing his 100th Test for India, versus England at Dharamshala, on Thursday, the 73-year-old said: "Oh, he's a fantastic cricketer, actually! I remember when I watched him for the first time – I was a consultant with Bengal Cricket. We were playing against Tamil Nadu at Bangalore. It was the first time I watched him, and he showed his class straight away.

Pleased for Ashwin

"I'm very pleased for Ashwin, with what he's achieved. And I'm sure that in the future also, he will continue his performance. Not only at home, he is a very fine bowler to be a part of the team overseas as well.

"I'm surprised at the number of times he's not been included in the team. But these things happen in cricket. I'm sure he will keep going and keep performing."

Indian men's team to play NZ in its Olympics opener on July 27

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
LAUSANNE

The Indian men's hockey team will take on New Zealand in its opener of the Paris Olympics on July 27, according to the schedule announced on Wednesday.

India, the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists, is in Pool B and will play Argentina on July 29, Ireland on July 30, Belgium on August 1 and Australia on August 2. Pool A consists of the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, France, Great Britain and South Africa.

The quarterfinals will be played on August 4 with the semifinals slated for August 6, The bronze-medal playoff and the final will take place on August 8.

The ceremony was held in the presence of International Olympic Committee chief Thomas Bach and FIH president Tayyab Ikram. The matches will be take place at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium in Colombes. Belgium is the defending men's champion.

India's schedule: vs NZ (July 27, 9 p.m. IST); vs Argentina (July 29, 4.15 p.m.); vs Ireland (July 30, 4.45 p.m.); vs Belgium (August 1, 1.30 p.m.); vs. Australia (August 2, 4.45 p.m.).
Quarterfinals: August 4; **Semifinals:** August 6; **Bronze medal playoff and final:** August 8.

SNAPSHOTS

ISL-10 — Goa pips East Bengal

Moroccan striker Noah Sadaoui's 42nd-minute strike helped FC Goa edge past East Bengal FC 1-0 for its first win in four games in the Indian Super League in Margao on Wednesday.

Nishant beats Richardson

Nishant Dev (71kg) recorded a 3-1 win over Lewis Richardson of Great Britain in a round-of-64 bout in the first World Olympic boxing qualifier in Busto Arsizio (Italy) late on Tuesday.

Nishant was the first Indian boxer to post a victory in the event.

Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) lost to World champion Ruslan Abdullaev. With the Uzbek inflicting severe punishment on the Indian, the referee stopped the contest in the first round.

On Wednesday, Ankushita Boro (66kg) went down 3-2 to Frenchwoman Emilie Sonvico in the round-of-64.

Srikanth stuns Chen

India's K. Srikanth progressed to the men's singles second round with a stunning 21-15, 20-22, 21-8 win over Chinese Taipei's 14th-ranked Chou Tien Chen but H.S. Prannoy fell short to make an early exit from French Open Super 750 badminton tournament, here on Wednesday.

World No. 17 Lu Guang Zu, who beat India's H.S. Prannoy 21-17, 21-17.

Gukesh escapes with a draw against Pragg

Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa failed to register a win from an advantageous position against compatriot D. Gukesh as their seventh round match ended in a draw in the Prague Masters Chess here on Wednesday.

The results: Round 7: Vincent Keymer (3) lost to Nodirbek Abdusattarov (5); R. Praggnanandhaa (4) drew with D. Gukesh (3); Parham Maghsoodloo (4.5) bt Vidit Gujrathi (2); Richard Rapport (3.5) lost to Nguyen Thai Dai Van (4); Mateusz Bartel (2.5) drew with David Navara (3.5).

Bengaluru Torpedoes outwits Calicut Heroes in PVL

Bengaluru Torpedoes beat Calicut Heroes 14-16, 19-17, 13-15, 15-10, 15-11 in the third season of the Prime Volleyball League in Chennai on Wednesday. T.R. Sethu was named the player-of-the-match.

Prajwal & Pichler duo advances

S.D. Prajwal Dev and Austria's David Pichler eased past Bogdan Bobrov and Parikshit Somani in the first round of the $41,000 Challenger in Kigali, Rwanda.

The results: First round: $41,000 Challenger, Kigali, Rwanda: S.D. Prajwal Dev & David Pichler (Aut) bt Bogdan Bobrov & Parikshit Somani 6-1, 6-2; Corentin Denolly (Fra) & Damien Wenger (Sui) bt Sai Karteek Reddy & Guy Orly Iradukunda (Bdi) 6-4, 6-2. **$15,000 ITF men, Kish Island, Iran:** Adil Kalyanpur bt Sina Moghimi (Iri) 6-1, 6-0. **Doubles:** Guelfo Baldovinetti & Giovanni Calvano (Ita) bt Rodrigo Alujas (Mex) & Yash Chaurasia 7-5, 7-6(2). **$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt:** Petr Bar Biryukov bt S Mukund 6-3, 6-1. **Women:** Anna Siskova (Cze) bt Tanisha Kashyap 6-2, 6-0; Marie Weckerie (Lux) bt Prathyusha Rachapudi 6-3, 6-2.

Akaash Ashok leads after three rounds

Akaash Ashok Kumar, with a total pinfall of 3456, is in the lead at the end of Round 3 of the Karnataka State-ranking tenpin bowling tournament in Bengaluru on Wednesdau. R. Kishan (3431) is second, followed by Praveen Kumar (3400) in third position.

Aron nets twice

Aron Rodriguez scored a brace as Stride FC defeated Veterans FC 2-1 in the BDFA B-division league on Wednesday.

The results: Al Fateh FC 2 (Zaib Sheref 34, Lokesh Bharani Kumar 44) bt Md. Sporting 0; Vijayanagara FC 1 (Jangjagin Kuki 63) bt Snipers FC 0; Stride FC 2 (Aron Rodriguez 39, 55) bt Veterans FC 1 (R.C. Prakash 51).

Bangalore Vanguards bests K.S. Hegde Nitte

Bangalore Vanguards BC defeated K.S. Hegde Nitte 66-55 in the quarterfinals of the State SMN Memorial Women's Basketball League Championship for Mathru Cup on Wednesday.

The results (quarterfinals): Bangalore Vanguards BC 66 (Priyanka 17, Tisha 16) bt K.S. Hegde Nitte 55 (Varshitha 20); Beagles BC 43 (Chandana 11, Harshitha 11) bt Vimanapura Sports Club 25 (Aishwarya 11); Mounts Club 63 (Niharika 15) bt Bharath SU 32 (Ritika 17); SWR 74 (Sathya 18, Sruthi 16) bt DYES Mysore 32 (Jaishnavi 14).

Kane and Mbappe's doubles steer Bayern and PSG into the quarters

Flying high: Mbappe was at the forefront of PSG's win against Sociedad while Lazio's defence found it tough to tackle Kane & Co's attacking prowess. REUTERS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Reuters
MUNICH

Bayern Munich top scorer Harry Kane struck once in either half to steer the Germans to a 3-0 win over Italy's Lazio on Tuesday and into the Champions League quarter-finals with an 3-1 aggregate victory.

Kane headed in for the lead in the 38th minute to cancel out the Lazio's first leg 1-0 advantage and then tapped in its third goal on the rebound in the 66th after Thomas Mueller's first half stoppage time effort had made it 2-0.

The win provides instant relief for coach Thomas Tuchel and his team that had won just one of its last five matches in all competitions prior to Tuesday and is currently 10 points off the top in the Bundesliga.

Lazio, bidding for its first quarter-final spot in 24 years, merely managed to keep up for half an hour, finding no way back into the game once Bayern had gone in front.

In another match, Paris St Germain's Kylian Mbappe scored twice to lead it into the next round with a comfortable 2-1 win away to Real Sociedad in their last-16 second leg that wrapped up a 4-1 aggregate victory.

Bidding to win their its Champions League title, a disciplined PSG made the most of its chances from counter attacks, with the lightning fast Mbappe a constant menace.

He created a couple of opportunities early on before scoring the opener with a fabulous curling strike in the 15th minute. The France captain scored again in the 56th minute as he took a Lee Kang-in through ball in his stride before bursting into the box and beating the goalkeeper at his near post.

Real Sociedad's Mikel Merino netted a consolation goal in the 89th minute with a deflected strike.

The results:
Round-of-16: Bayern Munich 3 (Kane 38, 66, Mueller 45+2) bt Lazio 0; **Bayern Munich won 3-1 on aggregate.** Real Sociedad 1 (Merino 89) lost to Paris Saint-Germain 2 (Mbappe 15, 56); **PSG won 4-1 on aggregate.**